

# ***John 13:1-20***

## **What TBS (True Biblical Spirituality) Looks Like**

### ***The Upper Room Discourse at a Glance***

The PATTERN for Fellowship According to Jesus 13:1-13:30

The Lord Washes the Disciples' Dirty Feet...Believers in Fellowship Do the Same

The PRINCIPLES for Fellowship According to Jesus 13:31-16:33

One Central Concept: Abide in Christ (Relationship/Reality > Rules/Religion)

The PRAYER for Fellowship By Jesus 17:1-17:16

We are to Recognize/Respond to Our Inherent Unity with Other Believers in Christ

### ***The Pattern for Fellowship-Part 1 John 13:1-20***

#### ***The Orienting Object Lesson v1-7***

By doing a dirty job nobody else in the room was willing to do, the Lord Jesus shows us that fellowship with God in the believer's life is expressed by active, humble, service of others.

#### ***The Underlying Theological Truth v8-11***

##### ***There are TWO Different Kinds of Forgiveness***

The bath of salvation is a once for all (positional or legal) cleansing from sin

**Psalm 103:12**

Moment by moment fellowship w/the Lord as a believer involves (experiential or family) ongoing forgiveness from sin (// the Lord washing the Disciples' feet)

**1 John 1:9**

## ***The Primary Practical Principle v12-20***

***Fellowship with God is about Being/Doing NOT Just Believing/Knowing***

### **The Lord Clearly Explains What He Just Did for Them/Us v12-15**

The Lord tells us: (by My taking the initiative and washing the Disciples' feet)  
"I gave you an example that you should also do [for others] as I did to you"

### **Active Application > Passive Awareness is KEY to Fellowship w/the Lord v16-17**

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is not merely the possession of information but rather the transformation of character (perspective and priorities) leading to active application-a lifestyle of "Service with a Smile!" motivated by the example of and our love for Jesus Christ

### **The Blessing of Fellowship with the Lord is Available to Believers Only, and We Will Be Confirmed in Our Faith/Our Ministry as We Walk with Him v18-20**

The Lord's words and works as recorded in Scripture, give us the key truths we need to know, believe and apply to manifest fellowship with God

## ***Take This To Heart***

Fact: The Ultimate Pattern for True Biblical Spirituality/Fellowship with the Lord is Given to Us by Jesus When He Washed the Disciples' Feet in the Upper Room

Principle: True Biblical Spirituality is an Expression of our Personal Relationship with Our Savior Such That We Actively Embrace Humble Servanthood in His Name to Others-Doing Things "The Average Person" Isn't Willing to Do

What are some ways we as believers might manifest this kind of selfless service

1: To our family/at home?

2: At our job/at our school?

3: At our church (my personal favorite is TBF)?