

Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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"Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

"WASHING"

"After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciple's feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him." St. John 13:5

Washing is an important activity. We are especially careful to wash our hands in obedience to the constant reminders, not only by the health professionals because of the coronavirus pandemic, but by people all over the world to each other. Early on, Jesus chose the washing of feet to teach His disciples an important lesson. This very humble act of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ taught them and teaches us the importance of serving, giving, and ministering to others. When impulsive Peter protested the washing, Jesus explained to Peter that he would have no part with Him without it. Then Peter went overboard and replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well." (St. John 13:9) Yes, washing is important. We know that those with good home training were taught by parents, grandparents, teachers, and other responsible adults to wash our hands after playing outside, before eating and after doing other personal matters.

Growing up in our household, if we ever said something inappropriate, my mother would say: "you need to wash your mouth out with soap," or "I am going to wash out your mouth with soap." Good hygiene and cleanliness still matter and washing laundry, dishes and cars are some of the routine activities in many households. The Bible also gives other biblical references to washing. 1 Corinthians 6:11 states, ***"But you were washed, you were sanctified; you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."*** Ephesians 5: 26, referring to the church, says: ***"that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word."*** So, as we frequently wash our hands, let's resolve to wash each other's feet as Jesus did; to serve others with good deeds, no matter how small. One hymnist asked these significant questions and answered them: ***"What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."***

How will you respond to today's message?



Dear Lord,

We invite you to continuously wash us with the water of your Word. We thank you for washing away our sins and we want to be used by Thee for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.
