

Changed Lives Simon Peter



Text: John 13:1-15

I. The Events Surrounding Simon Peter's Denial Of Christ

- John 13:1-15, 13:38
- John 18:25-27
- Luke 22:54-62
- The disciples, especially Peter, did not know it was the Last Supper
- They knew something was up, but not specifically what
- Peter demonstrated his impetuous tendencies when he said "I'll die for you"
- It sounded great and they were well meaning words
- Christ then told of Peter's upcoming denial
- Peter had earlier declared Him the Christ, but he did indeed later deny him
- In our text, we God, down on His knees, with a towel around His waist

II. What Does Jesus Washing His Disciples' Feet Mean To Us

- On Maundy Thursday, the early kings would wash the feet of commoners
- In 1685, King James II determined washing feet was beneath his dignity
- Doesn't that sound just like us?
- Does this mean we should have foot washing ceremonies?
- There is nothing biblically wrong with them
- We must serve one another
- We must make guests feel comfortable...if that means washing their feet...so be it
- "When we kneel as servants at the foot of the cross, the whole world comes together as one..." David L. McKenna
- The real and actual focus of Jesus' teaching is that we must serve one another
- And in doing so, we will come to love one another as He has loved us

III. Conclusion

- Simon Peter didn't always say or do the right thing
- But he took up the cross and followed Christ
- We should serve and love one another