

## Seize the Moments - Vol 1 Day 2 The Essence of Christ Within

The essence of faith in Christ, the essence of being a Christian (or a "Christ-in" as they were called at Antioch), the essence of becoming Christ-like is to be like him in spirit and attitude. Jesus possessed from his very beginning an emptiness of self, the absence of pride and a form of humility beyond the likes of man. He was willing to place himself at the lowest entry point on the human plane. He was willing to always be in a place of submission to those to whom He ministered. Even in his final moments, Jesus as the preminent Son of God would give his life to redeem us.

Jesus, who deserved all of the praise and glory of every man, woman and child ever to exist, bent down on his knees before each of his disciples and washed their feet. If the King of the universe can wash the feet of his disciples, we certainly should be able to wash the feet of others around us who claim to know and follow Jesus or others around us who just need their feet to be washed.

If you consider any task you might do for another to be beneath your dignity, then there is still not an absence of self such as there was in our Lord Jesus Christ. If I would have a deeply intimate and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, so as to be one with the Father, as He was one with the Father, I must be like Him. When I am like Jesus, there is no focus on self, no interest in self affirmation. There is only a deep affection for God to the extent that I allow God to use everything I possess, every faculty, every intellect, every skill, every expertise, and even the things that I do not possess which He can put in to flow through me. I will allow Him to use me to the benefit of any who want to experience His love.

Will you surrender yourself to God in absolute abandon to Him? Not as a military commander, but as your most significant other!

-- JB ref. Luke 22:42; Galatians 2:20