



Simon Peter

In Christ, God gives us a new identity, makes us clean

John 1:41-42 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter [Rock]).

John 13:1-17

What happens when we find ourselves living in a way contrary to our new nature (when we sin)?

We are still clean; We don’t need a bath; let Jesus wash our feet

How do we get a spiritual foot washing?

1. Admit the wrong to God
2. Thank God for His forgiveness that you already have
Trust that Christ completely dealt with it; and let it go
3. Commit to the path you want to follow
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and give you the power

(Make it right with others if needed)

Peter as a believer was already fully justified. The forgiveness and cleansing he needed was not the kind of summary pardon one would seek from the judge of the universe as if Peter were seeking to have his eternal destiny settled. He had already received that kind of cleansing and forgiveness. But now Peter was coming to God as any child would approach a parent, seeking fatherly grace and forgiveness for his wrongdoings. That was the kind of cleansing Peter needed. It is the same kind of forgiveness Jesus taught all believers to pray for daily (Luke 11:24). Here, Jesus likens such daily forgiveness to a foot-washing. —John MacArthur, Twelve Ordinary Men

1. Have you realized your need for forgiveness, believed in what Christ has done for you, and invited Him into your life?

2. Are you enjoying following Him? Is He taking you to scary places? Do you notice that He is with you? What plans does He have for you?

3. Do you have any idea what your new name might be? What new identity has Christ given you?

4. When the Holy Spirit shows you your sin which extreme are you more likely to go to:

A) ignore it (say it doesn’t matter) or

B) exaggerate it (say I am beyond hope, I have fallen from right standing with God)?

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there are any sins in your life. Will you bring them to God and let go of them? Do you believe God has completely dealt with that sin in Christ? What path do you want to follow? Ask the Holy Spirit for the power to live that way.

6. How can you see yourself as clean in Christ even when you need your feet washed?

7. Read Philippians 2:5-8. Compare this to what we read in John 13:3-5.