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Ch. 13 Feet Washing

1. **Vs. 8**...Symbolizes being cleansed from the world's defilement so we can have communion with Christ. This cleansing is by the Word (**Ps. 119:9; John 15:3; Ephesians 5:25,26**).
2. **Vs. 10**...."He that is washed" refers to the "New Birth" (**John 3:5**) and the "washing of regeneration" (**Titus 3:5**).
3. **Vs. 14**...We should minister the Word for cleansing to each other.

Ch. 14 Communion

1. **Vss. 21 & 23**...Fellowship with the Father & the Son (**1 John 1:3**).
 - a. **OBEDIENCE** is the condition for fellowship (see **2 Corinthians 6:14,17,18**).
 - b. The **INDWELLING SPIRIT** is the Power for fellowship (**vss. 16,17,26**).

Ch. 15 Fruit-bearing & Testifying

1. **Vss. 1-5**...Fruit-bearing
 - a. What is "fruit"? It is the "character of Christ" (**Galatians 5:22,23**).
 - b. What is it to "abide"? It is to "depend on Christ" (**Vs. 5b; Philippians 4:13**).
2. **Vss. 26 & 27**...Testifying
 - a. To "testify" is to "confess Christ before men" (**Acts 1:8; 4:29,31; 5:32**).
3. **Philippians 2:14-16a**...Fruit-bearing & Testifying should go together.

Ch. 16 Persecution

1. **Vss. 1-3**...Persecution from the "religious" world
 - a. Think of the early Church and its persecution from the Jews (**Acts; 1 Thess. 2:14**).
 - b. Think of the Middle Ages and Rome's persecution of believers
2. **15:18-20**...Persecution from the "world at large."
3. **16:33**...Our blessed Lord's final word of encouragement.

Ch. 17 Intercession

1. **Vss. 9,15,20**...In this chapter Christ anticipates being in the glory and praying for His own (**Hebrews 7:25**).
 - a. We saw Christ as **ADVOCATE** in **Ch. 13**, here He sympathizes with us in our infirmities as our **GREAT HIGH PRIEST**.

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 - B. Jesus is "the Way"....vs. 4-6
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