

ROMANS
Lesson 53–November 24, 2013

**/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
Rory Clark
Pastor-Teacher**

Good Morning! Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church.

I thank our God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you who are in union with Christ Jesus, that in everything you are enriched by your union with Him, especially in speech, and in knowledge, and in the testimony...because the gospel message of Christ is confirmed in you...and I pray that you are not lacking in the use of any gift given to you by God, and that you are awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, and will present you blameless to God the Father in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher...a spiritual gift given to me by God for your blessing and for your benefit...today I salute all of those who are part of this ministry who are laboring behind the scenes on your behalf...First Thessalonians, Chapter 5, Verse 12 says...

/1TH 5:12

*But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you... *

The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher affords me the privilege of leadership... of telling unbelievers the good news of the gospel message, concerning God the Father's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...and His saving work on the Cross...John, Chapter 3, Verse 18 says...

/JOH 3:18

*"He who believes in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) is not judged; he who does not believe (in the Lord Jesus Christ) has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten (uniquely born) Son of God." *

The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher also affords me the privilege of providing believers in the Lord Jesus Christ with a place to hear the Word of

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God accurately taught so that they might use its truths to handle the circumstances of their lives...John, Chapter 16, Verse 13 says...

/JOH 16:13

“But when He, (God) the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”

As believers in Christ we are coming to know Him and we are not underestimating the importance of the Christ...the Messiah...The Lord... He is the One whom we gather here to worship...and He is the One and Only Sovereign God. He is the One we count on. Matthew, Chapter 6, Verses 31 to 34 says...

/MAT 6:31

“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’

/MAT 6:32

“For the Gentiles (unbelievers) eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”

/MAT 6:33

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

/MAT 6:34

“So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Our God provides for our every need.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Bible study is a time for the refreshment that comes from RENEWING our thoughts...it's a time to reinvigorate our souls and to nourish our senses... it's a time to turn our bodies over to God as living and holy sacrifices...it's a time to see God with the eyes of our souls...it's a time to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God, so we can learn

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how to be a reflection of our Savior’s thoughts to a lost and dying world.
Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

/ROM 12:2

*And do not be conformed to this world, but (keep on) be(ing)
transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind, so that you
may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable
and perfect.*

Bible study encourages you to turn away from the world’s viewpoint, and to adopt God’s viewpoint, taking God’s attitude into the world as a powerful influence. Welcome to the place where God the Holy Spirit prepares you to “in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to deliver your souls.”

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

You are My Treasure
Matt Hammitt \

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let’s worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...YOU ARE MY TREASURE.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

We’re grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth...the Word of God...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ’s name...Amen.

/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – We Pray to Say Thanks

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We begin with a few announcements.

/TODAY’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
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/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord’s Supper Celebration is December 15, 2013\

Deacon Caleb Alburn will deliver the Lord’s Supper Message that day.

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study

December 8

December 29\

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/HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jenifer Brumbach

November 27\

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/DROPPED LESSON
No More 7:45am lesson\

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Now let's take the offering. Welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall.

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/TODAY’S OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

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/OFFERING VERSE

1TH 5:12-13

But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, //and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

/Remember to give with the motivation suggested in Scripture

2CO 9:7

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (grace oriented) giver.

/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – We Pray to Say Thanks

What are you grateful for?

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated as a day of giving thanks. Originally, it was a thanks to God for the blessing of the harvest and for the blessings of the preceding year. So in that way, Thanksgiving Day is

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actually a prayer...it's a day we set aside to have a talk with God to thank Him for all that He does for us.

What are you grateful for?

In my opinion, true gratitude cannot be expressed in words...it can only be expressed in tears. Words fail us at the time when want to express gratitude.

For believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, once a year is not enough to express the gratitude we feel toward our Lord Jesus Christ, the manifest member of the Godhead and the Savior of the world. Once a year is not enough to express the gratitude we feel toward God the Father, the provider of a predetermined plan for all mankind and the provider of a predetermined plan for each of us personally. Once a year is not enough to express the gratitude we feel toward God the Holy Spirit for His teaching ministry that leads us into all the truth. Once a year is not enough to express the gratitude we feel toward God the Son, the CREATOR of all things and for His voluntary decision to acquiesce to the will of God the Father, and to die on a Cross to pay for the sins of all mankind, and to heal the breach between the CREATOR and His CREATURES that makes our "so great" salvation possible.

True gratitude cannot be expressed in words...it can only be expressed in tears. That's why in every prayer, there is a portion of it where we give thanks.

God is well pleased with our thanks. First Thessalonians, Chapter 5, Verse 18 says...

/1TH 5:18

...in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for (those of) you in (union with) Christ Jesus.

What are you grateful for? In reflection, I have plenty of things to be grateful for, and I'd like to share them with you when you return from your five-minute break.

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/BREAK

Indescribable
Chris Tomlin

Welcome back! Philippians, Chapter 3, Verses 8 to 12...

/PHI 3:8

More than that, I count all things (mentioned in verses 1 to 7, upon reflection) to be loss (worthless) in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord (personally), (this Christ) for whom I have suffered the loss of all things (requiring human effort, like religiosity), and (I) count (consider) them but rubbish (human excrement) so that I may gain Christ...

/PHI 3:9

...and may be found in (union with) Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), not having a (self-)righteousness of my own derived from the (adherence to the Mosaic) Law, but that (righteousness) which is (a gift) through faith (alone) in Christ (alone), the (absolute) righteousness (+R) which comes from God (the Father) on the basis of faith...

/PHI 3:10

...that I may know Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) and (that I may know) the power of His resurrection and (that I may know) the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...

/PHI 3:11

...in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

/PHI 3:12

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

I am grateful that I know Christ. I am grateful that I gave my life to Him as a child, and I am glad as a result to be His child...His adopted son...
Ephesians, Chapter 1, Verses 5 and 6

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/EPH 1:5

*He (God the Father) predestined us (believers in Christ) to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will... *

/EPH 1:6

*...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. *

I am grateful that I have you, my sheep.

/JOH 10:4

*“When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.” *

/JOH 10:5

*“A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” *

I am grateful for the ability to speak the truth without hesitation or reservation. Ephesians, Chapter 6, Verses 18 to 20 say...

/EPH 6:18

*With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints... *

/EPH 6:19

*...and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel... *

/EPH 6:20

*...for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. *

I am grateful to be an officer in God’s Army. The wording of the current oath of enlistment and oath for commissioned officers are as follows...modified slightly for me as a Pastor...

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/OATH FOR OFFICERS IN GOD’S ARMY

“I, Pastor Rory Clark, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Word of God against all enemies, human or angelic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Word; and that I will obey the orders of the Lord Jesus Christ and the orders of those appointed over me, according to the Word of God. So help me God.”\

/OATH FOR OFFICERS IN GOD’S ARMY

“I, Pastor Rory Clark, having been appointed an officer in God’s Army, and given the gift of Pastor-Teacher, do solemnly swear that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation and without a purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.”\

I am grateful for those I call friends. And I am glad to count you among them.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

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/CLOSING SONG

Hallelujah
*Cloverton *

CLOSING VERSES

/JER 29:11

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

/1PE 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, // casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

/JUD 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, // to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

THANKS
INTERCESSION
PETITION

And we pray that You continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of Your unconditional love, Your person, Your thinking, Your work, and Your essence...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ’s name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!
Thanks for watching!
Thanks for listening!

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