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/BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
Announcements
May 13, 2018

/HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Sandy Saloum
May 17, 2018\

See you in Coeur d’Alene?

/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
The Next Lord’s Supper Celebration
June 10, 2018\

/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
VISIT THE VETS
June 24, 2018\

If you haven’t done this, here’s a chance to use your spiritual gift!

/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
NO FACE-TO-FACE TEACHING
July 1 and 22
December 9 and 30\

Deacons please add July 22 to the website event calendar

/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
NEXT WEEK!
The Next Deacon’s Meeting
July 14, 2018
7:30A-9:00A\

/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
EVENING SERVICE
August 5 and November 4
6:00P-7:30P\

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Deacons...please note the November 4 date addition

/8th ANNUAL
COEUR d'ALENE CONFERENCE
August 3-4, 2018
Jacklin Arts Center
405 N. William Street
Post Falls, ID 83854\

/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Next Year's Homecoming Date
April 26-27-28, 2019\

/PRAYER MEETING
After the Lesson
10:30A-10:45A\

/WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE DIAMONDBACKS!
IN A "SUITE" DEAL
DATE TBD\

Stay tuned for details...

/A NEW HOME FOR
BARAH MINISTRIES
Targeting January 2021\

We got good news this week...we don't have to go through hearings to build on the property. We are about \$5,000 and a few applications away from being able to build. Thanks to Tom Monte for checking this out and for setting it up!

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/If you're in the resident congregation, turn off your electronic devices and put them away...they are not welcome. Let this be a place where you aren't distracted by the world.\

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

Good Morning! Happy Mother's Day!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church that makes a difference worldwide courtesy of the internet...a Christian Church that makes a difference locally in the Gilbert, Mesa, and Chandler, AZ communities. My name is Pastor Rory Clark. At Barah Ministries, our God is the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we teach the Word of God from God's perspective, not from man's perspective.

Worrying is not at all valuable for believers in Christ, especially when we realize we have a God who is completely for us. A key to success in this life is provided by God in Matthew, Chapter 6, Verse 33...

/MATTHEW 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things (the provisions necessary for life...food, shelter, clothing) will be added to you (in God's perfect timing).

Worry is a Satanic attack on faith. God provides ALL our needs, even natural things, like breathing, that sustain our lives. We don't have to work for any of these things. Since God provides what we need in grace, there is no need to worry. Instead our focus can be on growing the kingdom of God and on living by reflecting His gift of absolute righteousness.

The apostle Paul spent a lot of time in jail, but he didn't waste his time worrying. From his prison cell in Rome he witnessed the dressing habits of Roman soldiers, perhaps the fiercest group of fighting men in the history of mankind. Their uniforms provided Paul with an excellent metaphor that he could use to warn believers in Christ about how to defend themselves in

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Satan’s kingdom. Satan, the enemy of God is always out to destroy the victory believers in Christ obtained when they were placed into union with Christ at the moment of salvation. In this passage...Ephesians, Chapter 6, Verses 10 to 17...God gives us command after command through the apostle Paul...commands with great urgency attached...

/EPHESIANS 6:10

Finally, keep on being empowered in union with the Lord and in the strength of His might.

The Lord offers us the kind of strength and power that can overcome any resistance....divine omnipotence.

/EPHESIANS 6:11

Pick up and put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

As a “special” prisoner, one the Romans did not want to escape, Paul was often chained to a Roman guard...so he was “intimately” familiar with what it’s like when a Roman soldier is getting into his uniform to prepare for battle. No piece of armor ever was left behind. When we’re defending ourselves against the devil, we must also come fully dressed for battle.

/EPHESIANS 6:12

For our struggle, as believers in Christ, is not against flesh and blood (human beings)...but our struggle is against the rulers...against the powers...against the spiritual forces of this dark world (the cosmic system)... our struggle is against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Our battle in this world is not physical...it just seems that way because of how successfully the forces of this dark world use other human beings, especially Christians, to carry out their nefarious schemes. Actually, believers in Christ are battling a “spiritual mafia.” The spiritual mafia isn’t creative...they always come at you the same way, right into you weakest weakness...and there is no greater preparation for battle than when you know where the enemy will attack.

Fortunately we are “made men” in God’s mafia. We are not to attack Satan,

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nor are we to “rebuke” Satan as some religions teach. We are simply to hold the victorious ground that the Lord Jesus Christ has won for us at the Cross. <Israel is a perfect example of holding ground.>

/EPHESIANS 6:13

*Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day...and having done everything to prepare, be ready to stand firm (against the devil’s schemes). *

Assembling the things that get us into a state of readiness is the first strategic phase of a battle.

/EPHESIANS 6:14

*Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness... *

When we “gird our loins with truth,” the truth sets us free. For the Christian, we are to stand fast in freedom and never again are we to be entangled in the yoke of slavery.

The “breastplate of righteousness” is the Christian Way of Living. We are not to go on presenting the members of our body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness...instead we are to present ourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead! We are to protect our hearts just as a breastplate protects a soldier’s heart.

/EPHESIANS 6:15

*...and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace... *

Since we are in a defensive stance against Satan and the kingdom of death and darkness, this verse is not instructing us to advance and to spread the gospel...instead this verse indicates that as believers in Christ we remember that we are saved and we let our “so great” salvation provide peace...the mental serenity that eternal security offers...as we endure the battle.

/EPHESIANS 6:16

*...in addition to all of these other things, taking up the shield that is faith in God...a shield with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. *

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When we are confident in our souls that God is for us in ALL things...we can always confidently turn everything over to Him. Like a shield, our faith in Christ blocks the onslaught of attacks from our enemies.

/EPHESIANS 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation...and the sword of God the Holy Spirit... which is the Word of God.

For the believer in Christ, the helmet is hope...it is the confidence that our future is protected just like the Roman soldier's hot, sweaty helmet protected him once a battle is begun. The sword is a short, two-edged fighting sword that provides protection from every direction...two sharp edges and a point to defend no matter what fighting position we find ourselves in.

Welcome to a place where you can learn how to defend yourself with the equipment provided by the Word of God, the exact thinking of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON

Your Spiritual Gift Invites You to Live Your New Man Identity

Who are you? Said another way, what is your identity? Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 17 says...

/SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, and all believers in Christ are, he is a new creature...the old man things passed away (they have died at the Cross)... behold, new man things have come.

How do you describe yourself? As a believer in Christ you have an identity. Do you know what it is? Do you know its importance as it connects to your spiritual gift? In today's lesson, we'll examine how your spiritual gift connects to your new man identity. In addition, it's the second Sunday of the month, the day we celebrate The Lord's Supper. What did the Lord Jesus Christ do for us at the Cross? We'll take a look at another of the many things He does for us.

One of the most underused parts of our relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is our ability to come boldly before Him in prayer to find help

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in time of trouble. We can come into His presence...and rest there. We can read the Word of God and hear His “still small voice” directing us. Here’s June Murphy to sing a song she wrote...the first song of June’s that I ever heard her sing, and still one of my favorites...COME INTO YOUR PRESENCE.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

COME INTO YOUR PRESENCE

June Murphy

/OPENING PRAYER

*Let us pray... *

Almighty God and Father...thank you for giving us direct access to You...thank you for always being there for us to strengthen us and to give us power when our power is gone...when our power is inadequate...thank you for stripping us of our self-sufficiency so we have no choice but to turn to You for help...

Direct us as we travel the narrow road of the resurrection life...help us to not squander our strength in You...keep us moving toward the destiny You set aside for us when You crafted the personal plan for our lives...help us to have the courage to live the resurrection life...help us resist the attacks of the evil one...and help us to edify each other with our spiritual gifts...

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

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Your Spiritual Gift Invites You to Live Your New Man Identity

We have been learning many things about spiritual gifts in the last several lessons. You have a spiritual gift. Your spiritual gift is supernatural, and you have a built in supernatural desire to use it. Your spiritual gift is to be used specifically for the benefit of members of the body of Christ. Your priesthood is between you and God. Your ambassadorship is between you

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and unbelievers. But your spiritual gift is between you and other believers in Christ. You are to use your spiritual gifts to edify other believers in Christ. Your spiritual gift is part of your IDENTITY as a Christian.

What do I mean by identity? It's who you are. Satan wants us believers in Christ to believe that who we are, our identity, is established by the sins we commit. He offers us an identity based on our sins, and he is successful in getting us to obsess about already paid for sins. For example, according to Satan, the enemy of God, if you engage in the sin of homosexuality, then your identity is you are a homosexual. According to Satan, if you engage in the sin of stealing, then your identity is you are a thief. According to Satan, if you engage in the sin of having an extramarital affair, then your identity is you are a cheater. And Satan will tell you, once a homo, always a homo... once a thief, always a thief...once a cheater always a cheater in. Satan wants believers in Christ to believe that our identity is created by the sins we commit. The problem is, we believe him. He wants us to think we are doomed, and to quit.

The Lord Jesus Christ has a completely different and completely accurate viewpoint about your identity. In the matter of your identity, you are...

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

FORGIVEN

ROMANS 4:7

*“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven (in the past and stand forgiven forever)...and whose sins have been covered.” *

You are never to think of yourself as the sins you commit.

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

IN UNION WITH CHRIST

SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in union with Christ, and all believers in Christ are, he is a new creature...the old man things passed away (they died)...behold, new man things have come.

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We are never to think of ourselves as incapable because we are indwelt by the most powerful being in the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ. If He thinks of you as worthy and deserving of that honor, who are you to think differently? Why would you listen to a liar for your identity?

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

ABSOLUTELY RIGHTEOUS

SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:21

God the Father made the Lord Jesus Christ who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God the Father in union with Him.

When God the Father looks at you, a believer in Christ, He sees one thing...PERFECTION...your admission ticket to heaven. He sees the exact same thing He see when He looks at His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. PERFECTION. You don't need to get better, ever. You simply need to learn how to exploit the victory you already have in union with Him.

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

A PRIEST

FIRST PETER 2:9

But you Church Age believers are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

As a believer in Christ you have direct access to God. You can walk boldly into His throne room and ask for anything you want that is in line with His will. That is a simply amazing thing when you really grasp the significance of it.

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AN AMBASSADOR

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SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:20

Therefore, we believers in Christ are ambassadors for Christ, as though God the Father were making an appeal through us (because He is)...we beg you unbelievers on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

God trusts you to represent Him. You should never be shy or ashamed about bringing up your relationship with the Lord to anyone.

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

A SAINT

ROMANS 1:7

...to all who are beloved (the divinely loved ones) of God the Father in Rome, called as SAINTS (not sinners)...grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

God no longer considers you a sinner. Just because you commit sins does not give you the identity of a sinner. In addition to the things mentioned before that are part of your identity, you are a holy and blameless saint.

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

WITH A SPIRITUAL GIFT

FIRST CORINTHIANS 12:1

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.

You have a spiritual gift, and you will learn what it is by serving. You will not learn what it is by sitting on your arses. And when you learn what it is you will give it away for the benefit of the saints around you, right here in this congregation first of all. If you have learned nothing else about spiritual gifts, the one thing I want you to learn is to not obsess about what it is, but to serve to find out what it is.

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY

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FIRST JOHN 4:8

The one who does not love unconditionally does not know God the Father, for God the Father is unconditional love.

Part of our identity is the love that covers all. Yet loving the brethren doesn't mean that we are to be doormats, letting people walk all over us. Loving the brethren does not mean we have to be around them...especially if they are bad for us...especially if they are trying to hurt us. But it does mean we turn them over to the Lord with an attitude that the Lord can accomplish things with them that we can't. In fact, it is the Lord's job to accomplish those things, not ours.

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

THE CHILD OF A KING

EPHESIANS 1:5

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...

We are royalty. We need to act like it. Does your mentality reflect that you are royalty?

/A BELIEVER IN CHRIST'S IDENTITY

AN HEIR WITH AN INHERITANCE

ROMANS 8:16-17

God the Holy Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, and we are, heirs also...heirs of God the Father and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, and we do, so that we may also be glorified with Him.

You are wealthy. Does your attitude reflect your spiritual wealth?

One of the great things about having a friend is that they remind you of who you are when you forget. Friends know your true identity. I guess that makes me a personal friend of yours. Every week, I consider it my job to

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remind you who you are, because I am convinced that every week you forget who you are IN IDENTITY. You forget who you are in Christ. The things you just heard are only a few of the things you are in Christ. John, Chapter 10, Verse 10 says...

/JOHN 10:10

The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy (the sheep)...I (the Lord Jesus Christ) came that believers in Christ may have the resurrection life, and have it abundantly.

We need each other. When you are not learning about and using your spiritual gift for the benefit of the body of Christ, you're actually cheating the body of Christ and you're cheating yourself. It's the equivalent of not working out. The body gets flabby when we don't work out. The body of Christ gets flabby when we don't use our spiritual gifts for the benefit of each other.

The beautiful thing about Barah Ministries is that we are beginning to open our eyes to the need for each other. Let's keep growing together and taking advantage of our unity.

Let's take a music break...it's Mother's Day, and it's always a pleasure to honor the women whom God has blessed with children...and it's especially a pleasure to notice the one thing most mothers have in common...selflessness. There is probably no greater reflection of the Lord Jesus Christ here on earth than a Mother's selflessness...an unselfish concern for others while sacrificing self-gratification. So to Mothers all over the world, especially the ones that are part of Barah Ministries, here's a song that has become a tradition on Mother's Day in this congregation...a SONG FOR MAMA by Boys2Men.

/MUSIC BREAK
SONG FOR MAMA
Boys2Men

/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION
The Lord Shows Us the Reward for Selflessness

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When we think about our spiritual gifts we must think of them as a ministry. Giving is a ministry as well. Ministry means service...and service means relieving a need... and a need is a lack of something that we cannot do well without. In Second Corinthians, Chapter 8, Verses 1 to 4, the apostle Paul brags about the giving done by the Macedonian Church...

/SECOND CORINTHIANS 8:1

*Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God that has been given in the churches of Macedonia... *

/SECOND CORINTHIANS 8:2

*...that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality (they were giving freely). *

/SECOND CORINTHIANS 8:3

*For I (Paul) testify that according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord... *

/SECOND CORINTHIANS 8:4

*...begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints... *

Let your love for the Lord guide your giving...let your giving overflow with liberality...at Barah Ministries, we appreciate your contribution that allows us to spread the gospel message and the Word of God all over the world.

Let's welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall with the offering message.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

/OFFERING VERSE

PROVERBS 31:10-12

*An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.//The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.//She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. *

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/OFFERING

FLIGHT OF THE EAGLE

Dave McClure, Instrumental

/THE LORD’S SUPPER CELEBRATION

The Lord Shows Us the Reward for Selflessness

Today...just as we do every month...we celebrate the Lord’s Supper...a meal of remembrance. In this celebration we obey the Lord as outlined in First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 26...

/FIRST CORINTHIANS 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup as part of the Lord’s Supper Celebration...you proclaim as a reality...and you announce the significance...of the Lord Jesus Christ’s death on the Cross...and His resurrection from the dead...until He comes again in the second coming.

The Lord’s Supper is a way for Christians to demonstrate unconditional love for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the most intimate thing we do in the Christian Way of Living. Our Lord wants a deep, intimate and personal relationship with each of His believers, and He demonstrates intimacy by sharing His body and His blood with us in this celebration. As we break the bread we share His body...as we drink the cup, we share His blood...and as we look back for a moment to the Cross...we are to remember what the Lord accomplished for us there. Our memory center is filled with the warmth of our intimacy with Him.

I hope those of you in the non-resident congregation are joining us by getting your own bread and your own cup, so that you can enjoy the communion elements with those of us in the resident congregation. We are one...we are in unity...let’s break bread together.

As believers in Christ we ask ourselves...what did the Lord Jesus Christ do for us at the Cross? In reflecting on four other Lord’s Supper Celebrations this year...the Lord used the Cross to show us some things...

/2018 LORD’S SUPPER CELEBRATIONS

January

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The Cross Shows Us the Lord Provides Victory After the Desert\

/2018 LORD’S SUPPER CELEBRATIONS

February

The Cross Shows Us How to Take a Stand\

/2018 LORD’S SUPPER CELEBRATIONS

March

The Cross Shows Us How to Be Trustworthy\

/2018 LORD’S SUPPER CELEBRATIONS

April

The Cross Shows Us How to be Single-Minded \

The Lord Jesus Christ used the Cross to show believers in Christ how to be single-minded victors who are trustworthy and able to take a stand in Satan’s kingdom.

What else did the Lord Jesus Christ do for us at the Cross? THE CROSS SHOWS US THE REWARD FOR SELFLESSNESS. As we celebrate Mother’s Day, we really celebrate selflessness. The woman who created Mothers Day, Anna Jarvis, created the day to honor the best Mom in the world...YOURS. The day was never intended to be a commercial mess, with flowers and candy and cards...it was simply a day to reflect on the beauty of your Mom, wherever she is and to give her honor for birthing you into this world as a gift to God.

When I reflect on my Mom, I see selflessness...the same selflessness I see in the Cross. Mothers put themselves on the line for their children, just as the Lord Jesus Christ did. Philippians, Chapter 2, Verses 1 to 11...

/PHILIPPIANS 2:1

*Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, and of course there is...if there is any consolation of unconditional love, and of course there is...if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, and of course there is...if there is any affection and compassion, and of course there is... *

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/PHILIPPIANS 2:2

...make my joy complete by being of the same mind...by maintaining the same unconditional love...by being united in spirit...by being intent on one purpose.

/PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves...

/PHILIPPIANS 2:4

...do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

/PHILIPPIANS 2:5

Have this attitude in yourselves that was also in Christ Jesus...

/PHILIPPIANS 2:6

...who, although He existed in the same essence as God the Father, did not regard equality with God the Father a thing to be seized and held...

/PHILIPPIANS 2:7

...but emptied Himself (selflessness)...taking the form of a bond-servant...and being made in the likeness of men.

/PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Being found in appearance as a man...the Lord Jesus Christ humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death...even death on a Cross.

/PHILIPPIANS 2:9

For this reason also, God the Father highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name...

/PHILIPPIANS 2:10

...so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow...of those who are in heaven and of those who are on earth and of those who are under the earth...

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/PHILIPPIANS 2:11

...and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

There is a reward for selflessness. The Lord Jesus Christ emptied Himself... the Greek word *pleroo*...He demonstrated for us that it's not the deaths... it's the resurrection life. Sometimes life just seems so unfair. As believers in Christ we go through trials and it always appears that we're getting taken advantage of...that we lose. In fact the Cross, and everything leading up to it, looked like a defeat. Luke, Chapter 22, Verses 63 to 64...

/LUKE 22:63

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him and beating Him...

/LUKE 22:64

...and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying (as the pummeled Him in the face with their fists), "Prophecy...who is the one who hit You?"

/LUKE 22:65

And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming.

Yet in spite of the abuse, in spite of the trials, in spite of the temptations... the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated for us how to continue on the narrow way of the resurrection life. He led a life of selflessness. He led a life of walking the gauntlet. What is a gauntlet?

/GAUNTLET

A journey through an intimidating, dangerous, and often painful experience designed to keep you from reaching a goal.\

He suffered through conflict and crisis and trials and testing, yet none of it deterred Him from reaching the Cross. He did it for us. He did not do it for Himself. The world thought the Cross was a defeat. But the Cross was not the Lord's end game. God is a chess player and a strategist, and His end game always looks like a defeat...like the Cross...until the resurrection...in this case resurrection from the dead into a resurrection life that is exceeding and abundantly beyond what we could ask or think. The Lord Jesus Christ snatched victory out of the jaws of defeat. He selflessly offers that same life

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to us. Thank you, Mothers of the world, for being a perfect reflection of our Lord's selflessness. There is a reward for it.

**/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION:
Enjoying the Elements**

Obedying God's command, we keep on celebrating CHRIST and His Cross on a regular basis...we eat to remember who He is as a PERSON...we drink to remember His WORK on the Cross...the voluntary sacrifice He made at on our behalf as our sin substitute. We are grateful for what God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ have done for us. Matthew, Chapter 26, Verses 26 to 28...

/MATTHEW 26:26

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take...eat...this is My body (which is being broken for you)."\

/MATTHEW 26:27

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you..."\

/MATTHEW 26:28

"...for this is My blood...the blood of a new covenant....blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of their sins."\

As you enjoy the bread and the cup, enjoy the memory of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well. Now and always, let us keep on giving thanks that we are loved unconditionally and accepted fully by a Lord who is always there for us...the One on whom we can depend...and let's keep on being transformed by His life, His death, His resurrection and His Word... and let's enjoy His unconditional love.

The Lord received a reward for His selflessness...He is exalted...His name is above all names...He is first in everything...because the Cross was the most selfless act in divine history.

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As for the Christian Way of Living, believers in Christ we are the light and the life of the world. God inserts us into situation to demonstrate His selflessness. Let's do what He asks DAY BY DAY.

/LORD'S SUPPER SONG
DAY BY DAY
Godspell

/GOD WANTS YOU!
Make the Most Important Decision of Your Life\

There are only two ways to get to heaven.

One way to get to heaven is to be perfect like God is perfect. Why? It is because God demands perfection from us. Are you perfect?

Once we sin, we are no longer perfect. James, Chapter 2, Verse 10...

/JAMES 2:10
For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of breaking the whole law.

The other way to get to heaven is by means of grace. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said in John, Chapter 14, Verse 6...

/JOHN 14:6
*Jesus said to the doubting apostle, Thomas, "I am the way (to salvation), and I am the truth (through the Word of God), and I am the resurrection life...and no one comes to God the Father (in heaven) but through believing in Me." *

Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation makes you perfect... accepting the Lord Jesus Christ's grace...the One who went to the Cross to pay for the sins of all mankind...offers salvation. As a result of the Lord's work at the Cross, sin will never again be a barrier between God and man. Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 21 says...

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/SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:21

God the Father made Jesus Christ who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in union with Him.

If you are imperfect, you can be made perfect by the imputation of God's righteousness to you at the moment of salvation. As a result you can join the apostle Paul in shouting at the top of your lungs...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 16...

/ROMANS 1:16

For I (Paul) am not ashamed of the gospel...for the gospel is the divine power of God the Father for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greeks.

Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31...

/ACTS 16:31

*"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and everyone in your household who also believes." *

John, Chapter 3, Verse 36...

/JOHN 3:36

*"He who believes in the Son has the resurrection life right at that moment... but he who does not obey the command to believe in the Son will not see the resurrection life...instead the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him." *

John, Chapter 3, Verse 17...

/JOHN 3:17

For God the Father did not send God the Son into the world to judge the world...but the Father sent the Son into the world that the world might be saved through Him.

Take the free gift of eternal life right now! There's no time to waste! God wants you. The Lord suffered for you at the Cross. Here's June Murphy to sing about what our attitude needs to be...WHEN YOU SUFFER.

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/CLOSING SONG
WHEN YOU SUFFER
June Murphy

/CLOSING PRAYER
*Let us pray... *

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