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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

Good Morning! Colossians, Chapter 2, Verses 13 and 14 say...

/COL 2:13

*When you were (spiritually) dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He (God the Father) made you alive together with Him (the Lord Jesus Christ...by preordaining that you believers would be placed into union with Him), having forgiven us all our transgressions... *

/COL 2:14

*...having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it (the debt) out of the way, having nailed it to the Cross. *

The Cross moved you from the slavery of a lifestyle of law to the freedom of the sphere of grace. Because of this, we believers in Christ are filled with a joy that is inexpressible. As we prepare for bible study, you can ask yourself, "What has God put in my life which gives me joy?"

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED? no verse...let the verse pop in on the next click>

The Word of God refers to bible study as a time of RENEWING, a time to let God renew your joy. God the Holy Spirit fills your deficiencies of thought with the truths of the Word of God, and He unveils to you the Plan of God the Father for your life. John, Chapter 15, Verse 11 says...

/JOH 15:11

*"These things I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." *

Literally, the Lord is suggesting that He wants His joy to keep on filling the deficiencies in your joy, regardless of what circumstance might be your present reality. He has made perfect provision for your happiness...you simply choose to let His happiness pervade your life. Welcome to a place where you can "in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls."

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

I Stand Amazed at Grace\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song, as you think about all the things that give you joy. The opening song is... I STAND AMAZED AT GRACE

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...(0:30)

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

Help us to know you through your love and not your justice and discipline...

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

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Rory Clark

Pastor-Teacher\

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher, a gift given to me by God for your benefit. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Where is the Love?

/ANNOUNCEMENTS

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is April 14, 2013\

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Barah Ministries Radio Program
KXXT, 1010 AM, Phoenix
Fridays 4:30PM-5:00PM
Rebroadcast
myfamilyvaluesradio.net
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“God Cares for You”\

We’re going off the radio...we’re going to find another way to evangelize the ministry that is more effective.

/Mark Your Calendars!

HOME COMING
for the
“Soon to Be Resident” Congregation
June 15-16\

At the Hilton Hotel in Chandler Arizona...the room rate is \$99... the weekend is being coordinated by Deacon Caleb and Mandy Alburn...contact information and registration information will be up this week...

/Thanks to the Deacons!
Deacon Caleb Alburn
Deacon Elliott Clark\

Great lessons last week! Let’s give them a hand...if you didn’t know, there were three lessons posted last week.

/Mark Your Calendars!

Coeur D’Alene, Idaho
BIBLE CONFERENCE
August 9\

We will have registration available on the website this week.

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/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study

April 21

June 30

September 1

December 8

December 29\

/Happy Birthday

Janelle Vallejo

March 7\

Hope you're studying hard so you don't bring down our college puke grade point average!

/Prayers

The Goodall Family

John Francis Goodall

Went home to be with the Lord\

Deacon Denny's Grandpa on his father's side.

/Prayers

Pastor John Farley\

Suffering from acute exhaustion. I'll be teaching his congregation this coming Thursday.

/Prayer Service

March 24\

Immediately following the last lesson...for the "Soon to Be Resident" Congregation, please feel free to send your prayer requests to pastor@barahministries.com

Next, let's take the offering. Let's welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall.

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/THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

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/OFFERING VERSES

PHI 2:1-2

Therefore if (1) there is any encouragement in Christ (and there is), if (1) there is any consolation of (unconditional) love (and there is), if (1) there is any fellowship of the Spirit (and there is), if (1) any affection and compassion (and there is),//make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

/OFFERING VERSES

PHI 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;//do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

/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.

/OFFERING SONG

God of Wonders

/TODAY'S STUDY

Where is the Love?

One question haunts me after twenty-five years of biblical study...

Where is the love? Why is it that I can tell you anything you want to know about the sin nature...anything you want to know about the Old Self...

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anything you want to know about adjusting to the justice of God (which is a crock of cacca, by the way)...anything you want to know about the fifth cycle of discipline... anything you want to know about warning discipline, intensive discipline, and the sin unto death...anything you want to know about mental attitude sins, sins of the tongue, and overt sins...anything you want to know about Satan...but virtually nothing about the wonder of God's essence...about how much God loves me...about the new self...and about the new spiritual species? Why are the messages coming from allegedly doctrinal pulpits all about what's wrong with us as Christians?

Where is the love?

Why are the messages coming from allegedly doctrinal pulpits always about how mean God is? And as much of my time as I have dedicated to being a diligent and serious student of the Word of God, why isn't Christianity a more relaxing experience for me before recently? Why are you now talking about how free you feel?

Sorry...but I just don't believe that legalistic crap any more. Here's what I want to know...what is right with us as Christians? What do we have to be encouraged about? And if that makes me "Pastor Pollyanna," so be it. I think we have SO MUCH to be encouraged about and SO MUCH to learn about our God and about how He really feels about us...

Where is the love?

I've been taught that justice is God's point of contact with us...that at the fall of creatures, His point of contact with us shifted from His love to His justice. Okay. I get it. God can't compromise His essence. But how is it that an immutable God changes? I haven't heard that explanation yet, but I can predict it. Better yet, why is it that every New Testament verse that talks about God's justice is something that is being done in favor of the believer in Christ? Turn to Luke Chapter 18...

<Read Luke, Chapter 18, Verses 1 to 8> Focus on these verses...

/LUK 18:6-8

And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; now, will not God bring about justice for His elect (believers in Christ) who cry to Him

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day and night, and will He delay long over them?//I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly.

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back...

Turn to Luke, Chapter 15, Verse 11...we are well familiar with the story of the prodigal son...yet when we study this story, our focus is virtually always on the son, but seldom on the compassion of the father...

<Read Luke, Chapter 15, Verses 11-32> Focus on this verse...

/LUK 15:20

But while he was still a long way off, his (the prodigal son's) father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Yes...before the son “confessed his sins,” the father had already embraced him and kissed him and the father had already put a major feast in motion for him...a restoration of all the privileges of being a son. THAT’S how God feels about you! Yet why is the focus of this a story as taught from doctrinal pulpits virtually always on the son who squanders his wealth and on the self-righteousness of the other son, when this is really a story about how wonderful our father is, and how much our father loves us unconditionally, even when we squander our estate.

Where is the love?

Why is it that we hear so much about, and why are so concerned about our sins, and the divine discipline associated with them? What is divine discipline?

/DIVINE DISCIPLINE

Training in a character pattern\

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God is training His believers. He has given us the Holy Spirit to complete us. You know Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 18 well...

/EPH 5:18

*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit... *

A better translation of the Greek expression *En Pneumati* in this verse would be...

/EPH 5:18

*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but keep on being made complete by the agency of God the Holy Spirit... *

This is the passive voice in Greek...there is nothing we have to do to be filled with the Spirit. It is an irrevocable gift of God. You cannot lose the filling of the Spirit. Anyone who says you can is lying.

God the Holy Spirit has been charged with the task of conforming us believers to the image of Christ...Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 29 says...

/ROM 8:29

*For those whom He (God the Father) foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son... *

Philippians, Chapter 1, Verse 6...

/PHI 1:6

*For I am confident of this very thing, that He (God the Father) who began a (divine) good work in (the creation of) you will (keep on) perfect(ing) it (will finish it) until the day of Christ Jesus. *

If divine discipline is so negative, why then did David WANT it? Turn to First Chronicles, Chapter 21...

<Read, First Chronicles, Chapter 21, Verses 1 to 13>

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/1CH 21:13

David said to Gad, “I am in great distress; please let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are very great. But do not let me fall into the hand of man.”

And God did show mercy to David...

/REV 3:19

‘Those whom I (the Lord Jesus Christ) love (personally), I reprove and discipline...’

I have been taught that as a believer in Christ, I will experience a temporary moment of shame at the Judgment Seat of Christ. The verse used to justify this false doctrine is First John, Chapter 2, Verse 28...

/1JO 2:28

Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

Let’s look at the context of this verse...beginning at First John, Chapter 2, Verse 25...the focus of the first two chapters of First John has John talking to believers about unbelievers...

<Read First John, Chapter 2, Verses 25 to 29>

Maybe this translation will shed light on the verse...

/1JO 2:28

Now, little children (believers in Christ), abide in (union with) Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away (experience shame) from Him...at His coming (as unbelievers will).

This verse isn’t even talking about the Judgment Seat of Christ...it’s talking about His advent...and whether that is the Rapture or the Second Coming of Christ, both of those situations are positive for the believer. Look at the Wuest translation of this verse...

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/1JO 2:28 (Wuest Translation)

*And now, little children [born-ones, bairns], be continually abiding in Him, in order that whenever He is made visible, we may have instant freedom of speech and not be made to shrink away from Him in shame at His coming and personal presence. *

What I'm being asked to believe is that I am going to be face-to-face one day with the Person that I have been waiting to see for my whole life, the Lord Jesus Christ, and when I meet Him, my reaction to Him is going to be shame. Bull! What will His reaction be to me? Arms wide open...welcome home son! Luke, Chapter 15, Verse 20...

/LUK 15:20

*But while he was still a long way off, his (the prodigal son's) father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. *

And if there were shame at the Judgment Seat of Christ for believers, what would the shame be for? For sins? Well I'm under the impression that sins won't be mentioned at the Judgment Seat of Christ, so I don't exactly understand the basis of the shame...but I know for sure that my paid for sins will not be the basis of my shame.

Where is the love?

Here's the point...ultimately, going over and over the lies of legalism is defensive and divisive, even though it must be done. For those of you in this congregation and others who have been victimized for years by ministries that claimed to be doctrinal which were teaching heresy, this is a traumatic lesson. Be encouraged! I want you to know how magnificent God thinks you believers are, and I want you to know that this ministry is committed to teaching you about it.

God owns us...and that means something!

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/CLOSING SONG

You Own Me\

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 person, your thinking, your work, your reputation 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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