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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

Good Morning! First John, Chapter 1, Verse 5 says...

/1JO 1:5

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Matthew, Chapter 5, Verses 14 to 16 say...

/MAT 5:14-16

“You (believers in Christ) are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but (a light is placed) on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and (it will) glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

God is our Light...He enlightens us with His truth, and we shine as lights in the kingdom of darkness in which we live.

<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 for us to gain a new perspective on our relationships, on our problems, and on our spiritual walk. The perspective we gain as we learn to look at life through God's eyes gives us joy. 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.”

Where is the joy in the Christian Way of Life? It comes from knowing that God is for us, therefore no one is successful against us. It comes from knowing with absolute certainty that God loves us unconditionally. 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

He Remembers to Forget\

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 God gives you to make your joy complete. The opening song is...HE REMEMBERS TO FORGET.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Help us to see You, and our own lives, and others, the way you see them...

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 the purpose of equipping you believers in Christ for the work of service. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

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HOMECOMING

for the

“Soon to Be Resident” Congregation

June 15-16\

At the Hilton Hotel in Chandler Arizona...the weekend is being coordinated by Deacon Caleb and Mandy Alburn...contact information and registration coming soon...

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Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

BIBLE CONFERENCE

August 9\

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study

April 21

June 30

September 1

December 8

December 29\

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Bunco Party Fundraiser

Friday, March 29\

See Mandy Alburn for Details!

/Congratulations

Monica Miller

Back to School\

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She's getting all A's so as to not bringing down our college puke grade point average!

/Prayers

Pastor John Farley

He's Out of the Hospital\

I taught his congregation last Thursday. His wife Roberta is an amazing and supportive woman and he is really lucky to have her in his life, just as sure as she is lucky to have Pastor John. Their beautiful daughter Hannah and their son Jack are a delight to talk to and a delight to be around. I met several members of the congregation after the lesson...Lori (who is a Jewish Christian)...Henry (who like manicures)...Afnan the Jordanian woman...Linda (always a pleasure to see her)...Deacon Marc Pomeroy, his wife Margie, and their dog Shep, who has the same birthday as me...Deacon Brian Tappert and his wife Megan... Steve and Marilyn Pomeroy...Dain and Monica...Carolyn, Blaze, and Kyle...and the teen age Cretans...Aaron, Olivia, Carly, and Laura...Olivia is a bit dangerous...she can move her thumbs on a phone way too fast and is a little too accurate with a bow and arrow...I'm sure I am leaving some out...but thank you all very much for your hospitality. You are my family. Hang in there...step up your fellowship with each other...keep it together...and Pastor John will be back in no time.

/Prayer Service

Today! Our First!

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Immediately following today's 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.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

/Barah Ministries Financial Policy

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No price appears on any material from Barah Ministries so that anyone who desires biblical teaching may have it free of charge.\

/OFFERING VERSES

EPH 2:14-15

*For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, //by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace... *

EPH 2:16

*...and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. *

/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

*All Bow Down *

/THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Good News to Unbelievers Concerning Jesus Christ

We dedicate the opening moments of this bible lesson to anyone who is watching or listening that is without a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The central issue for creatures, angelic and human, in all of divine history is detailed in Matthew, Chapter 22, Verse 42...

/MAT 22:42

*“What do you think about the Christ?” *

Have you ever been loved? Do you know how special it is when other human beings put their whole being...their whole self on the line, risking

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rejection by saying, “I love you?” It’s pretty special to be loved, and it is pretty special to love. Love colors our whole viewpoint toward life.

I have good news for you today. God loves you. There is nothing you have to do to earn His love. There is nothing you have to do to maintain His love. There is nothing you can do to lose His love. This is the most special love you will ever have in your life. Unconditional love.

Every day in your periphery, there is a reminder of God’s love for you, always somewhere within view. The Cross.

<CROSS WITH CHRIST HANGING FROM IT>

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8 says...

/ROM 5:8

But God (the Father) demonstrates His own love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners, (the Lord Jesus) Christ died for us.

The good news is that God the Father proved His love for you, no matter how terrible you think you are, by sending His Son to a gruesome death on a Cross on your behalf. God the Son voluntarily took on the form of true humanity, becoming the God-man, and laid down His life to make a relationship with God a possibility for you. John, Chapter 15, Verse 13 says...

/JOH 15:13

“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

The Lord Jesus Christ proved His unconditional love for you by dying on a Cross. As a result, He opened the possibility of a permanent relationship with God by eliminating the sin problem, the problem of our spiritual death at our physical birth. First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 22 says...

/1CO 15:22

For as in Adam all die (spiritually), so also in Christ all will be made (spiritually) alive (born again).

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The good news is that the God who loves you unconditionally and who died for you at the Cross has forgiven you. Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 13 and 14 say...

/COL 1:13-14

For He (God the Father) rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), //in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The good news is that the God who loves you unconditionally, and the God who died for you at the Cross, wants a relationship with you right now. Second Peter, Chapter 3, Verse 9 says...

/2PE 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish (in the Lake of Fire) but for all to come to repentance (a change of mind about the Lord Jesus Christ).

Right now, you can take advantage of God's love for you by simply believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. John, Chapter 14, Verse 6 says...

/JOH 14:6

*(The Lord) Jesus Christ said, "I am the way (to salvation), (I am) the truth (through the Word of God) and (I am) the (eternal) life; no one comes to the Father, but through (believing in) Me." *

Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31 says...

/ACT 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 says...

/JOH 3:36

"He (anyone) who believes in the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has eternal life...but he who does not obey (the command to believe in) the Son (the Lord

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Jesus Christ) will not see (eternal) life (in heaven) but the wrath of God (the lake of fire) abides on him.”

The good news is that when You believe in the Lord Jesus Christ at a single moment in time, you are saved forever. John, Chapter 10, Verse 28 says...
/JOH 10:28

And I give eternal life to them (believers in Christ), and they (believers) shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them (believers) out of My hand.

The good news is that you can't work for salvation...it is something God does for you, free of charge, by means of His grace. Romans, Chapter 11, Verse 6 says...

/ROM 11:6

But if (1) it (salvation) is by grace (and it is), it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

So right now you are invited to have a conversation with God the Father and to tell Him you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the good news is that will be the moment the eternal life begins for you. It's your choice, and no one can make you do it.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

/TODAY'S STUDY

Do You See Life Through God's Eyes?

Welcome back!

What's the difference between legalism and Christianity? The difference is absolute. It's as different as black and white. One is completely different than the other. If you acknowledge that all lies have truth in them, then legalism, which is even more deceptive than religion, has to be scrutinized very carefully. And the difference may appear subtle, but it is huge! If you look at the similarities, you will never see the difference.

It's all a matter of viewpoint. Legalism is how man sees things. Christianity is how God sees things.

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/ISA 55:8

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.”

/ISA 55:9

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

God is telling the Creator does not think like a Creature. So we have to elevate our thinking. In the gospel message, we just heard how man sees things...most people think they have to work for salvation. Yet truly, we are saved when we agree with how God sees things...when we simply believe in Christ, God saves us. Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31 says...

/ACT 16:31

(When you)...believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (at a moment in time)...you will be saved (by God forever), (and this applies to) you and (everyone in) your household (who also believes).

Many people think you can lose your salvation. That's man's viewpoint. God has a different viewpoint. Once an immutable God saves you, even He can't change it. Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 38 and 39 say...

/ROM 8:38

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers..

/ROM 8:39

...nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the (unconditional) love of God, which is in (union with) Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have got to start asking ourselves, “What is God's viewpoint of this situation?” Let's look at an example. John, Chapter 8, Verse 12...here is the Lord Jesus Christ's viewpoint.

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/JOH 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them (the scribes and Pharisees), saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of (the Zoe) life.”

The Lord’s viewpoint is that He is the LIGHT of the Zoe LIFE. The opposite of the light is darkness. Once you walk in the light of belief through faith in Christ, you cannot return to the darkness of unbelief. Yet man often thinks otherwise. Here’s what Paul had to say about his Damascus Road experience, in Acts, Chapter 26, beginning at Verse 14...

/ACT 26:14

“And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’”

/ACT 26:15

“And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.’”

/ACT 26:16

“‘But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you...’”

/ACT 26:17-18

“‘...rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, //to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to (the dominion of) God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified (set apart) by (means of their) faith in Me.’”

Everything in God’s plan is opposite of the things that are part of the kingdom of darkness’s plans. God tells us...in Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 17 and following...

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/EPH 4:17

*So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you (believers in Christ) walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind... *

/EPH 4:18

*...being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart... *

/EPH 4:19-20

*...and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.//But you did not learn Christ in this way... *

/EPH 4:21

*...if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus... *

/EPH 4:22

*...that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit... *

/EPH 4:23

*...and that you be renewed (by God) in the spirit of your mind... *

/EPH 4:24

*...and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. *

/EPH 4:25

*Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE** of you **WITH HIS NEIGHBOR**, for we are members of one another. *

/EPH 4:26-27

***BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN**; do not let the sun go down on your anger, //and do not give the devil an opportunity. *

So if we acknowledge that the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God have absolutely nothing in common...then we have to acknowledge that the

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viewpoints of the two kingdoms are exactly opposite. And if we acknowledge that the viewpoints are opposite, we have to learn, as Christians to see everything from God's point of view, especially Christianity. In our next lesson, we are going to learn how to do that...because until we learn to see everything from God's point of view so that we will not be a willing dupe for legalism, that cheap substitute for the Christian Way of Living.

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/CLOSING SONG

Come See a Man\

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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