

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 444– March 31, 2013**

**/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES**

**Good Morning!**

**Let's Make a Mental Shift \**

Good morning! Philippians, Chapter 2, Verses 5 to 11 say...

/PHI 2:5-7

*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, // who, although He existed in the form of God (the Father as Deity), did not regard equality with God (the Father) a thing to be grasped (and held), // but emptied Himself (of the rightful functions of Deity), taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men (as true humanity). \*

/PHI 2:8-9

*Being found in appearance as a man (as true humanity), He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross. // For this reason also, God (the Father) highly exalted Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name... \*

/PHI 2:10-11

*...so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, // and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. \*

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

We come to bible study for RENEWING, to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God, so we can know all the details of the Predetermined Plan of God the Father...so we can know the voluntary compassion and sacrifice of God the Son...and so we can know the amazing resurrection life of the uniquely born One, the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

*...(keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind...*

Now is the time to let God prepare you to “in humility receive the Word

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 444– March 31, 2013**

implanted, which is able to save your souls.” Welcome to our celebration of the two most important events in divine history...Crucifixion and Resurrection!

**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

*Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

How Great Thou Art\

As God prepares you for this RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...HOW GREAT THOU ART.

**/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 understand how sending your Son to His death enabled our salvation, and how it handled our pre and post salvation sins once, and for all time...

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

**/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES**

Rory Clark

Pastor-Teacher\

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher, given to me by God for your benefit, so I might serve you. 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**

**The Most Powerful Words in History...I Believe\**

## THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

Lesson 444– March 31, 2013

Turn in your bibles to John, Chapter 1, Verse 14...

/JOH 1:14

*And the Word (ho logos...God the Son) became flesh (true humanity...Jesus Christ), and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we saw (beheld) His glory, glory as of the only begotten (uniquely born One) from the (source of God the) Father, full of grace and truth.*

The Lord Jesus Christ is the unique person of the universe...He is 100% God...that's why we call Him Lord...He is God the Son in incarnate form...He is 100% man...true humanity...just like you and me...that's why we call Him Jesus Christ...and the two forms...Deity and true humanity...are united in one person forever. We celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ today because He loves us unconditionally...now, just as much as He did when He died the most gruesome death in divine history, a crucifixion on a Cross...and with His blood created the opportunity for all fallen creatures to have an unbreakable relationship with the Godhead. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 24 says...

/1PE 2:24

*...He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) bore our sins in His (own) body (true humanity) on the Cross, so that we (whosoever would believe) might die to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature) and (so that whosoever might) live (the Zoe life) to (the blessing of absolute) righteousness; for (it is) by His wounds (the undeserved blows He suffered on your behalf that) you were healed (drawn together with God and attached to Him forever).\*

As a result of the Lord Jesus Christ's amazing sacrifice at the Cross, anyone who chooses to believe in Him, by a single decision at a single moment in time... through our expression of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ's Person and His Work...have appropriated the benefit of an eternal resurrection life, having been freed once and for all time from the slavery of spiritual death. John, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26 says...

/JOH 11:25

*Jesus said to her (Martha), "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies (spiritually)..."*\

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 444– March 31, 2013**

/JOH 11:26

*...and everyone who lives (the Zoe life...the resurrection life) and believes in Me (has faith in me) will never die (the second death). Do you believe this?"\*

The Lord Jesus Christ had a lot of time for mental reflection as He hung from the Cross during His crucifixion...He describes both the pain and the view in Psalm 22, Verses 14 to 18...

/PSA 22:14-15

*I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within me.//My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.\*

/PSA 22:16-18

*For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.//I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;//They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.\*

On the Tuesday night before He hung from a Cross on our behalf, the Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed by a friend...John, Chapter 13, Verse 21 says...

/JOH 13:21

*When Jesus had said this (after washing the disciples feet), He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me." \*

Yet the Lord still had the presence of mind, on the night before His death, to teach His disciples the most important lesson in divine history...the lesson of UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. John, Chapter 15, Verse 12...

/JOH 15:12

*"This is My commandment (mandate...request), that you love one another (unconditionally), just as I have loved you (unconditionally)."*

The Cross, the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, is the ultimate expression of His love for all of His creatures, but especially for you personally. In grace, He overlooked our mistakes. John, Chapter 15, Verse

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 444– March 31, 2013**

13...

/JOH 15:13

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

On that same Tuesday night, the Lord Jesus Christ prayed for His apostles whom He would soon be leaving behind...John, Chapter 17, Verse 1...

/JOH 17:1

*Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You...”\*

The Lord’s prediction of betrayal came true in the Garden of Gethsemane... Luke, Chapter 22, Verse 48 says...

/LUK 22:48

*But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”\*

Next, the Lord Jesus Christ was arrested...Luke, Chapter 22, Verse 54...

/LUK 22:54

*Having arrested Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), they led Him away and brought Him to the house of the high priest (Caiaphas)...\*

On Wednesday morning...He was subjected to a farce of a trial...John, Chapter 18, Verse 28...

/JOH 18:28

*Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early (Wednesday Morning)...\*

The Lord then was taken before Herod, and finally to Pontius Pilate, who had Him beaten...John, Chapter 19, Verse 1...

/JOH 19:1

*Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him.\*

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 444– March 31, 2013**

After many false accusations, in which the character of the Lord Jesus Christ was assailed, Pilate had to admit the truth...in John, Chapter 19, Verse 4...

/JOH 19:4

*And Pilate came out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) out to you, that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.”\*

Yet the Lord was ordered to be crucified even though He had done no wrong...Acts, Chapter 8, Verse 32...

/ACT 8:32

*Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: “HE (the Lord Jesus Christ) WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.”\*

The Lord Jesus Christ did not defend Himself. Pontius Pilate chose to allow a guiltless man to be crucified...John, Chapter 19, Verses 16 to 18...

/JOH 19:16-18

*So he (Pontius Pilate) then handed Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) over to them to be crucified.//They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own Cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.//There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.\*

Crucifixion on a Cross was a celebration for the Lord, the culminating event of His thirty-three year Incarnation...the time when He assumed a human form...and the Lord was happy to die for us, so that we could be saved...this is why in Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 2 we are reminded to keep on...

/HEB 12:2

*...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross...\*

For three hours, in joy, He paid for the sins of all mankind...and eliminated the sin problem once, for all time...Matthew, Chapter 27, Verses 45 and 46...

## THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

Lesson 444– March 31, 2013

/MAT 27:45-46

*Now from the sixth hour (noon...a supernatural) darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour (3PM).//About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”\*

After a short break we'll see exactly what that marvelous event called the Cross did for us all. It made two words the most powerful words in divine history...in Hebrew...Amen...in English...I Believe.

/BREAK

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
When I Think About Home\*

Welcome back!

The Lord Jesus Christ's death on a Cross ushered out the Mosaic Law, and ushered in the Age of Grace...the Church Age...Galatians, Chapter 3, Verse 13...

/GAL 3:13

*(The Lord Jesus) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”\*

The only solution to the broken relationship between the Creator and His Creatures is unconditional love and forgiveness...and the Lord Jesus Christ LIVED unconditional love and forgiveness for all of us at the Cross. You are loved unconditionally according to John, Chapter 15, Verse 13. You are forgiven, according to Luke, Chapter 23, Verse 34 says...

/LUK 23:34

*But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”\*

In John, Chapter 19, Verse 30, the Lord finished what He started back in John, Chapter 1, Verse 14, by becoming flesh and living among us...

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 444– March 31, 2013**

/JOH 19:30a

*Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished (tetelestai)!”\*

Salvation, the possibility of reconciliation for every CREATURE stands finished forever, with no addition needed. When every sin of every CREATURE was paid for by Christ’s work at the Cross, salvation was guaranteed. Then the Lord died a physical death. John, Chapter 19, Verse 30...

/JOH 19:30b

*And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) bowed His head and gave up His (human) spirit (into the hands of God the Father).\*

No one killed the Lord Jesus Christ. He took up His own life. John, Chapter 10, Verses 17 and 18 say...

/JOH 10:17-18

*“For this reason (the prophecy of JOH 10:16, God) the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again (at the resurrection). //No one (creature...neither angel nor mankind) has taken it (My life) away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down (by My own volition), and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment (directive) I received from My Father (in eternity past).”\*

Two things happened as a result of Crucifixion Day...two things powered by two words from you...**I Believe**. The first thing that happened is the possibility of salvation. You can be saved. Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8 says...

/ROM 5:8

*But God (the Father) demonstrates His own (unconditional) love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners (spiritually dead unbelievers), Christ died (as a substitute) for us.\*

For those of you who are spiritually dead and who do not have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ...your just, righteous and loving Creator extends His righteous right hand to you right now, to offer you salvation free of charge. Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31 says...



**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 444– March 31, 2013**

/ACT 16:31

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

Two words separate you from salvation...**I Believe**. Salvation is that simple for you because it was hard for the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross. If you prefer, a nine-word conversation leading to salvation, like the conversation of a thief being crucified next to the Lord Jesus Christ...Luke, Chapter 23, Verses 42 and 43...

/LUK 23:42-43

*And he (one of the thieves on the Cross next to Jesus) was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!”//And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said to him (the repentant thief), “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”\*

Salvation is easy. It’s two words. **I Believe**. Amen?

The second thing that happened as a result of Crucifixion Day is the Resurrection Life...the Zoe Life. It became a reality for all who believe. John, Chapter 10, Verse 10 says...

/JOH 10:10

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (the Lord Jesus Christ) came that they (believers in Christ) may have (the Zoe) life, and have it abundantly.”\*

Salvation was the hard thing for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Zoe Life is the easy thing. Look at Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 32...

/ROM 8:32

*He (God the Father) who did not spare His own Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), but delivered Him over (as a substitute) for us all, how will He (God the Father) not also with (us in union with) Him freely give us all things?\*

If God the Father did the tough thing by sending His Son to die for us, does it not stand the scrutiny of reason that now that we believers are in union with Christ, from the moment of salvation on, that God the Father will do everything else for us as well? Of course it does!

## THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

Lesson 444– March 31, 2013

The second thing that happened as a result of Crucifixion Day is that God gave us a simple way to handle our post salvation sins. You have been very concerned with this. “Pastor Rory,” you have been saying, beating your breasts, “What do I do now that you have taken rebound away from me? How do I handle post salvation sins?” The Lord’s Crucifixion on a Cross gave you a way to handle your post salvation sins. Are you ready to learn what it is? Here’s a quiz...see if you can guess what it is...

/QUIZ

How does God want you to handle post salvation sins?\

Turn to First John, Chapter 2, Verse 1...

/1JO 2:1

*My little children, I (John the apostle) am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...\*

/1JO 2:2

*...and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.\*

God *doesn't* want **you** to handle post salvation sins, believers! Why?

Because **He** handles them...First John, Chapter 2, Verse 1...

/1JO 2:1

*My little children, I (John the apostle) am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...\*

/1JO 2:2

*...and He (the Lord Jesus Christ) Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.\*

All we do is say I Believe. Just like we did at salvation. Another quiz...

/QUIZ

How does God want UNBELIEVERS to handle pre-salvation sins?\

## THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

Lesson 444– March 31, 2013

He *doesn't* want unbelievers to handle pre-salvation sins! Why? Because **He** handles them...

That's too easy right? That's too obvious right? How many years has that established fact, a fact established by the Work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross, been staring us right in the face, and we never saw it?!

Just like salvation is handled by God's grace...post salvation sinning is handled by God's grace. Is this a license to sin? Of course not... FREEDOM is a license to sin. But what is God's viewpoint about our post salvation sins? Romans, Chapter 6, Verses 1 and 2 say...

/ROM 6:1-2

*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?//May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?\*

Our God handles everything in grace. The Cross initiated the Age of Grace, the Church Age. We've seen this in Romans, Chapter 7, Verses 24 and 25 for years, and we missed it...

/ROM 7:24-25

*Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? //Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!\*

Christ, at the Cross set us free from both pre- salvation sins and post salvation sins. He set us free from the sovereignty of the sin nature. All you have to do is exercise your faith in Him...all you have to do is believe. Believe for salvation. Believe post salvation. Do you believe?

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 444– March 31, 2013**

**/CLOSING SONG**

When You Suffer\

**CLOSING VERSES**

/PRO 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.//In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.\*

/DEU 31:8

*The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed\*

/ISA 30:18

*Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.\*

**/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!**

**[www.barahministries.com](http://www.barahministries.com)\**