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Lesson 445– March 31, 2013

/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES
Good Morning!
Let's Make a Mental Shift

Good morning! Happy Resurrection Day! Matthew, Chapter 28, Verses 5 and 6...

/MAT 28:5-6

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.//He is not here, for He has risen (from the dead), just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

He has RISEN! These words are divine music to our human ears. Because of this event, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, He separated Himself from all the pretender gods (with a small g). They may call themselves gods...but none of them created you, none of them died for you on a Cross, and none of them rose from the dead. Resurrection is a “calling card” of our Lord Jesus Christ, and it is impossible to beat. And because of the event that preceded resurrection, His crucifixion, He defeated the power of spiritual death, and the sin nature, and personal sinning on your behalf.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

We come to bible study as a time of RENEWING, a time to bring to mind intentionally all of the marvelous things we have at our disposal because of these two miraculous events, crucifixion and resurrection. Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 23 requests...

EPH 4:23

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

Now is the time to open yourself to the truth, to let your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the power of God the Holy Spirit, prepare you to “in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls.”

Welcome to our celebration of Crucifixion and Resurrection!

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our God in song, while you let thoughts of what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you occupy your mind. The opening song is AMAZING GRACE/MY CHAINS ARE GONE.

/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 celebrate the crucifixion and the resurrection of our Lord by making us aware in our souls of the personal nature of these events for every one of us...

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, for the building up of the body of Christ...God's Royal Family. 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

Crucifixion and Resurrection Conquered Sin and Death

Turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 6...we'll begin at Verse 8...

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<Read Roman, Chapter 6, Verses 8 to 18>

/ROM 6:14

For (the) sin (nature) shall not be master over you, for you are not under (the Mosaic) law but (you Church Age believers are) under grace. |

/ROM 6:15

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! |

The Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross put our sins away once and for all time, and made possible for every creature a “so great” salvation. You can be saved. Hebrews, Chapter 2, Verses 2 and 3 say...

/HEB 2:2-3

For if (1) the word spoken through angels proved unalterable (and it did), and (if) every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty (and it did), how will we (any creature) escape if we neglect (taking advantage of) so great a salvation? |

“The flesh,” the sin nature, carries with it an incurable disease called spiritual death. It is the condition of every human being at physical birth...he is spiritually dead. The sin nature and spiritual death are masters over him. But the Lord Jesus Christ’s propitiatory work at the Cross made a perfectly satisfactory payment in the eyes of God the Father to remedy the spiritual death problem, the sin nature problem and the personal sinning problem once, and for all time. Romans, Chapter 6, Verses 17 and 18 say...

/ROM 6:17

But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of (the) sin (nature), you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed... |

/ROM 6:18

...and having been freed from (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature), you became slaves of righteousness. |

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What an ironic turn of events! From slavery to freedom to the right kind of slavery! Once you respond positively to the good news concerning what the Lord Jesus Christ has provided for you by His crucifixion, you are saved and you are eternally secure...you cannot lose your salvation.

Turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 8...we'll begin at Verse 1...let's look at what happens after your "so great" salvation...today, we celebrate not only the crucifixion, but also we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord...

<Read Roman, Chapter 8, Verses 1 to 17>

/ROM 8:2

For the law of (God) the (Holy) Spirit (the God) of (the Zoe) life (which comes from being) in (union with) Christ Jesus (has) made me free from the law of (the) sin (nature) and of (spiritual) death.|

Crucifixion and resurrection conquered sin and death! Without the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit we are in bondage to the flesh...we have no spiritual life. With the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, we share in the resurrection life of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Zoe Life, and the filling of God the Holy Spirit helps us to understand the truths that the mind of Christ is revealing to us. God the Holy Spirit is our Paraclete...our *parakletos* in Greek...the One sent to come powerfully to the assistance of every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ in every matter. The Lord Jesus Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to us...John, Chapter 15, Verse 26...

/JOH 15:26

"When the Helper (the Parakletos) comes, whom I will send to you from (God) the Father, that is (God) the (Holy) Spirit of truth who proceeds from (God) the Father, He will testify about Me... "|

John, Chapter 16, Verses 13 and 14...

/JOH 16:13-14

"But when He, (God) the (Holy) 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.//He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.|

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God the Holy Spirit is the Voice of Truth!

Now look at Roman, Chapter 8, Verses 3 and 4...

/ROM 8:3

For what the (Mosaic) law could not do, in that it was weak (helpless) through the flesh, God (the Father), sending his own Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh...।

Sin is condemned in the flesh, which means sin has no rights with us now since it has been dealt with at the Cross as an established fact.

/ROM 8:4

...that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled (by God) in us, who walk not after the flesh (but instead reject its temptations), but (who walk) after the Spirit.।

Our work in the first three months of this year at Barah Ministries has been centered on our spiritual freedom...freedom from the legalism of a theology that perverts and distorts and voids God's Person and His Work...freedom from an insidious attack on the two things we celebrate today...Crucifixion and Resurrection.

The Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ offered all mankind the opportunity for positional sanctification...the chance to be set apart in union with the Lord Jesus Christ through the baptism of God the Holy Spirit. The Resurrection of our Lord then put a powerful agent at our disposal, God the Holy Spirit, who teaches us about experiential sanctification...He is the law of the Zoe Life...He is our peace...He conforms us to the image of God the Son...He considers us "beloved..." He completes us...He fully influences us...and He seals us to make us eternally secure. In Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 30 we are told...

/EPH 4:30

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption (of the body).।

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We are not removed from the body of the sin nature at the moment of salvation; however, the Cross renders the power of the sin nature impotent. Being delivered from the law means we believers have a new life, the resurrection life...the Zoe Life...the life of grace...and we must lay aside forever the life of the sin nature and spiritual death, instead putting on the new self life, the life of the Spirit...Romans, Chapter 8 Verse 5 says...

/ROM 8:5

For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, (set their minds on) the things of the Spirit. |

The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross was perfect, and for those who believe in Him now, we have the perfect resurrection life, the Zoe Life, so that we can live a life beyond our wildest dreams...a life that the Lord Jesus Christ has turned over to us. The blood of Christ, which was shed on our behalf at the Cross, restored the possibility of relationship with God for all those who believe.

We are no longer paying attention to human philosophies, human explanations, and theologies that call confession of sins, a fleshly activity for forgiveness, non-meritorious. In a non-meritorious situation, you place your confidence in the object of your faith. If you are not forgiven until you confess your sins, you are placing your confidence in yourself for the forgiveness of your own sins. How can that ever be considered non-meritorious? Galatians, Chapter 2, Verse 21 says...

/GAL 2:21

“I do not nullify the grace of God, for if (1) righteousness comes through the Law (and let’s assume for the sake of argument it does), then Christ died needlessly (at the Cross). ”|

If mankind can do something to be forgiven...like confessing sins...there is no need for the Lord Jesus Christ to pay for sins at the Cross. If your sins are only forgiven by confessing them, as the precepts of men suggest, then God the Father should be considered insane for sending His Son to the Cross. And of course we know full well that God the Father is brilliant.

Take a five-minute break.

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/BREAK

Celebrate Jesus

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

Let's have a quiz...

True or False?

Because of the Lord Jesus Christ's Work at the Cross which cared for the sin problem once and for all, you can become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ by a simple choice to believe in Christ. If possible, prove your answer with a bible verse.

/ACT 16:31

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

True or False?

You have been commanded by God to grow in the sphere of grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If possible, prove your answer with a bible verse.

/2PE 3:18

...but grow in the (sphere of) grace and (in the) knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

True or False?

The Lord Jesus Christ said that He will send you a Paraclete, God the Holy Spirit, who will lead you into all the truth. If possible, prove your answer with a bible verse.

/JOH 16:13

"But when He, (God) the (Holy) Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...\\"

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True or False?

As a believer in Christ, you are to listen to what God the Holy Spirit has to say to the churches. If possible, prove your answer with a bible verse.

/REV 2:7

'He who has an ear, let him hear what (God) the (Holy) Spirit says to the churches.'\

True or False?

God the Holy Spirit's ministry to you as a believer in Christ is the foundation for the success of your spiritual life. If possible, prove your answer with a bible verse.

/EPH 5:18

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

You can be fully influenced by wine, or fully influenced by the Spirit.

True or False?

The indwelling of the Spirit and the filling of the Spirit are gifts from God that cannot be taken away, not even by God. If possible, prove your answer with a bible verse.

/ROM 11:29

...for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

True or False?

After declaring that your gifts are irrevocable, like the filling of the Spirit, God would then change His mind and take the filling of the Spirit back, or worse yet let you ruin this irrevocable gift, dependent on whether or not you confess your sins. If possible, prove your answer with a bible verse.

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/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. *

True or False?

After making your salvation as simple as a single non-meritorious decision to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God would then turn around and make your spiritual life contingent on rebound, the confession of every sin.

/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? *

True or False?

There is something you have to do to handle your post salvation sins.

/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. *

True or False?

Before being granted salvation, the unbeliever has to repent of his sins.

/1JO 2:1

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/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.

There can be absolutely no doubt that God the Holy Spirit is at the center of the Christian Way of Life...His indwelling, and His full influence. Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 9 says...

/ROM 8:9

However, you (believers in Christ) are not in the flesh but (you are) in the Spirit (En Pneumati), if (I) indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you (and it does). But if (I) anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ (and unbelievers don't), he (the unbeliever) does not belong to Him (God).

Crucifixion took care of the sin problem once and for all time in grace...thus the mistakes of creatures are no longer an issue....whether a believer or an unbeliever.

Resurrection put the Holy Spirit in charge of our spiritual lives. Without Him, there is no truth, there is no understanding of scripture, and there is no application of salvation, the experiential sanctification life.

As we celebrate the Crucifixion and the Resurrection life today, we invite all who seek to pervert our liberties to take a long walk on a short pier...better yet, we invite them to study the Word of God without the hinderance of legalism.

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/CLOSING SONG

Your Word Takes Me\

CLOSING VERSES

/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 until the day of Christ Jesus.

/PSA 37:1-2

Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers.//For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb.

/PHI 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard (garrison) your hearts and your minds (for those of you) in (union with) Christ Jesus.

/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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