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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 a lifestyle in the sphere of grace. Because of this, we believers in Christ are filled with a joy 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 great 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 filing the deficiencies in your joy, regardless of what circumstance might be your present reality. He has made perfect provision for our happiness. We simply choose to let His happiness pervade our lives. 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 you have done in your life that the Lord no longer remembers. The opening song is...HE REMEMBERS TO FORGET.

/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 remember to forget the past...to lay down the burdens of yesterday...to have the same memory that You do...a memory filled with the good things you have in store for us in our glorious future...

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.

/TODAY'S STUDY

God's Unconditional Love for Us Promises a Future of Glory

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First a few announcements, then the offering, and then we'll transition into The Lord's Supper.

/ANNOUNCEMENTS\

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is May 12, 2013

The Mother's Day Celebration\

/Mark Your Calendars!

NO FACE-TO-FACE BIBLE CLASS NEXT WEEK!

April 21\

Please don't show up! Lessons will be posted.

/Mark Your Calendars!

HOMECOMING

for the

"Soon to Be Resident" Congregation

June 15-16\

The weekend is being coordinated by Deacon Caleb Alburn and Mandy Alburn...registration is on the website. Please register if you are coming, so we can know how many people to plan for...Pastor John Farley will be joining us for the event on Saturday!

/Mark Your Calendars!

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

BIBLE CONFERENCE

August 9\

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Bible Study

June 30

August 25

September 1

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December 8
December 29\

Please note a new date has been added.

/Happy Birthday
Pastor Rory Clark
April 13\

I celebrated my birthday in Europe and in the United States today. How fun!

/Happy Birthday
John Miller
April 14\

/Happy Birthday
Rachel Johnston
April 26\

/Barah Women's Fundraiser
April 19th
7PM
Susie Embree's House\

The panty raid has been cancelled.

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

/THE OFFERING
Deacon Denny Goodall\

/Barah Ministries Financial Policy

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

/OFFERING VERSE

/Eph 1:7-8

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In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace//which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

/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

Better Than Life

/THE LORD'S SUPPER

God's Unconditional Love for Us Promises a Future of Glory

The Lord's Supper is a table of fellowship designed by God for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a reenactment of a portion of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread...the Passover Celebration. It is a commemoration of the finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross. John Chapter 19, Verse 30 says...

/JOH 19:30

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

When the Lord finished the work that provided for our "so great" salvation, He dismissed His human spirit into the care of God the Father. It was the finish of His thirty-three year earthly ministry, and it was the finish of your personal sins being held against you by God. The Lord's finished work on the Cross removed the barrier to relationship between the CREATOR and His CREATURES, and introduced the possibility of a glorious future for all mankind. First Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 24 says...

/1PE 2:24

...and He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) bore our sins in His (own) body (in His true humanity) on the Cross, so that we might die to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature) and (so that we might) live to righteousness (within its sphere); for by His wounds you were healed.

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The Lord's Supper is a chance to bring to our consciousness, if only for a moment, two significant things... crucifixion and resurrection...the evidence of the Lord's unconditional love, demonstrated to us.... Regarding the Lord's Supper we are commanded...

<SLIDE: This Do in Remembrance of Me>

“...to keep on doing this in remembrance of Him.” When we celebrate The Lord's Supper, we look back to the Cross.

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

Our look back at the Cross is fresh for us since we just celebrated Crucifixion Day and Resurrection Day a couple of weeks ago. As we look back to the Cross, the Lord wants us to remember how much He loves us. First John, Chapter 4, Verse 8 says...

/1JO 4:8

The one who does not love (unconditionally) does not know God, for God is (unconditional) love.\

One result of the Lord's work at the Cross is highlighted in Romans, Chapter 4...for those of us who choose to become believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we are justified...we are declared absolutely righteous at the moment of salvation. Romans, Chapter 4, Verse 5 says...

/ROM 4:5

But to the one who does not work (for salvation), but (instead) believes in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as (absolute) righteousness...\

As a result of the Cross, our sins are forgiven, once and for all time. It is finished. The forgiveness of sins is an established fact. Romans, Chapter 4, Verses 7 and 8 say...

/ROM 4:7-8

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.”//BLESSED IS

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THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT (ever again) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.”

Who are so blessed? Whosoever! All mankind.

When someone loves us, and they show us, and their love for us is unmistakable...we realize their love is an established fact. It is funny, our typical reaction. We get overwhelmed. We get uncomfortable. We don't really know what to say. We don't always know what to do with the gift. Truly there is nothing to say. We simply need to ACCEPT the love.

When we believers in Christ look back at the established facts of Crucifixion and Resurrection, our task is simple. It is to ACCEPT these established facts as realities in our lives. Our God wanted to give us gifts. He did the work to provide the gifts. We merely ACCEPT. And this is what we celebrate at each Lord's Supper...the established facts that pertain to a Lord who demonstrated His unconditional love for us by laying down His life for us. He only asks us to ACCEPT what He has done for us, and to remember.

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Enjoying the Elements

Therefore, following God's request, we keep on celebrating CHRIST on a regular basis...we eat to remember who He is...His Person...we drink to remember His Work at the Cross, the voluntary sacrifice He made on our behalf...and we are grateful. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24 say...

/1CO 11:23-24

For I (Paul) received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus (Christ) in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; //and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is (and keeps on being) My body, which is (broken) for you; (keep on) do(ing) this in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.”

When we eat the bread during the Lord's Supper celebration, we remember the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26 say...

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/1CO 11:25-26

In the same way He (the Lord Jesus Christ) took the cup (representing His death on the Cross) also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant (testament) in (the sphere of) My blood (in spiritual and physical death); (keep on) do(ing) this, as often as you drink it, in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.//For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

When we drink the cup, we remember the Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the bread and the cup. As you do, we’ll listen to the Lord’s Supper Song...GIVE THANKS.

/LORD’S SUPPER SONG

Give Thanks

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back! Turn to Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 1...Romans, Chapter 5, in the first eleven verses informs us of the glorious results that come from being justified by faith, the details of which are covered in Romans, Chapter 4...as we look at the first few verses of Chapter 5, some questions for reflection...

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Do you live in the sphere of God’s peace?\

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 1 tells us about our past...

/ROM 5:1

*Therefore, having been justified by (means of) faith (by being legally declared by God to be in the sphere of God’s absolute righteousness in the (past), we (believers in Christ now) have peace (eirene) with God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ... *

The answer is yes...you live in the sphere of God’s peace because God has given you His absolute righteousness!

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<GEODESIC DOME SLIDE>

God has nothing against you. This is as powerful a statement as God loves you unconditionally. When you look back to the Cross...you must see God's peace with the eyes of your soul. The Lord Jesus Christ is your advocate now, and He intercedes for you now, but He settled all matters concerning you at this Cross to which we look back...it is an established fact that your sins were FULLY JUDGED at the Cross...so you can rest in this peace. When you are not at peace, you are anxious...a form of unbelief...it is you rejecting the truth of what God's Word has to say about what is true for you as an established fact. Another question for reflection...

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Do you live in the sphere of God's grace?\

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 2a tells us about our present...

/ROM 5:2a

*... (the Lord Jesus Christ) through whom also (additionally) we have obtained our introduction (direct access to God) by (means of our) faith (that we expressed in the past) into this (sphere of) grace in which we stand (right now)... *

The answer is yes...you live in the sphere of God's grace!

<GEODESIC DOME SLIDE>

Grace is a playground of freedom in which you are free to learn, to grow, to make mistakes, knowing that God accepts you, that He loves you unconditionally, that He forgives you, and that it is His will to give everything to you. What is grace?

/GRACE

A free gift given to all mankind by the Creator, expressed by His actions of extending mercy, loving-kindness, salvation, and divine assets to His Creatures... a dimension of divine thought in which God meets human indifference and rebellion with an inexhaustible capacity to forgive and to bless...a divine thought process that underlies God's entire viewpoint of unconditional love for His Creatures.\

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God's grace makes it clear that He is totally for you; therefore, no one and nothing can be successful against you.

When we look at our past, we have the hope of peace...when we look at our present, we have the hope of grace. What about our future?

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Do you live in the sphere of God's glory?\

When you look to the future, as a believer in Christ, you have the hope of glory...look at Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 2b...

/ROM 5:2b

...and we exult (with inward confidence) in (the future) hope (the confident expectation) of the glory of God.

What does it mean to have the glory of God in your future? Colossians, Chapter 3, Verse 4 says...

/COL 3:4

When Christ, who IS our (Zoe) life (the resurrection life), is revealed, then you (believers in Christ) also will be revealed with Him in glory.

We are invited to a guaranteed future within the sphere of God's glory forever and ever.

<GEODESIC DOME SLIDE>

Because of this guarantee, you can count on a glorious future in God's presence. John, Chapter 17, Verse 22, in the Lord's Prayer for the Church Age, our Lord says to His Father...

/JOH 17:22

"The glory which You have given Me I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have given to them (Church Age Believers)..."\

In our glorious future, we will never again come short of God's glory...Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 23 discusses your past...

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/ROM 3:23

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... *

As unbelievers we fell short of the glory of God...as believers we exult with a joyful inner confidence of a certain future hope...the hope of glory...
Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 25 to 27...

/COL 1:25

*Of this church I (Paul) was made a minister according to the stewardship (dispensation) from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God... *

/COL 1:26

*...that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested (made clearly visible) to His saints... *

/COL 1:27

*...to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in(dwelling) you, the hope (the absolute confidence) of (your future) glory. *

God's promises and God's gifts are forever...John, Chapter 14, Verse 16 says...

/JOH 14:16

*"I (the Lord Jesus Christ) will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (a Parakletos), that He (God the Holy Spirit) may be with you forever... " *

As a result, you can make this proclamation...

/PROCLAMATION

Because I am a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone at a single moment in time, I can look back at the Cross, and I can ACCEPT as an established and irrevocable fact that I AM at peace with God, fully forgiven; I can ACCEPT as an established and

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irrevocable fact that I HAVE a grace in which to stand and my mistakes will never again be counted against me; and I can ACCEPT as an established and irrevocable fact that I WILL live in glory at a future time, because I know the best is yet to come in my life.\

When we believers in Christ look back at the established facts of Crucifixion and Resurrection, our task is simple. It is to ACCEPT these established facts as irrevocable realities in our lives. No matter how weak our walk, no matter how ignorant of the truth, our God and Father looks at the blood of Christ at the Cross and has decided that He is fully satisfied with us, no matter what. Can you accept this established and unchangeable reality in the midst of your circumstances today?

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/CLOSING SONG

What Held You on the Cross?\

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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