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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...

/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), 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 (the Lord Jesus Christ) has taken it out of the way (as a barrier), having nailed it to the cross. *

Legalism is a way to invite the Church Age believer in Christ back into bondage. But Church Age believers have been freed from the bonds of the Mosaic Law and are now under grace! Thus the sin nature has no power over us and the Mosaic Law has no power over us because it has been fulfilled in Christ. So we revel in our freedom and refuse to be entangled again in a yoke of slavery.

<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 change your mind. 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.” *

The Lord's joy keeps filling the deficiencies in our joy, regardless of what circumstance might be our present reality. The Lord has made perfect provision for our happiness. We simply choose to let His happiness pervade our lives. We enjoy the freedom and we enjoy the blessings that our Lord obtained for us at the Cross. 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 Will\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song, as you think about the Lord and as you let those thoughts bring you joy. The opening song is...I WILL.

/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 forgive, especially in situations where we have been unjustly wronged...help us to go back into the fire of relationships, and to love as You do, even when we are being hurt.

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

Unconditional Love and Forgiveness are in the Foundation of Relationships

First, a few announcements....

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/ANNOUNCEMENTS\

/Prayers

Meredith DeSmet
Daughter of Susie Embree
Sister of Denny Goodall\

She had a stroke. 39 years old. Let's keep her husband Eric and her children Trey and Hayden and Jackson in our prayers.

/Mark Your Calendars!

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

/Mark Your Calendars!

HOME COMING
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 Barah Ministries website. Please register if you are coming, so we can know how many people to plan for (so far 40 registrants- 25 non resident/13 resident)...Pastor John Farley will be joining us for the event on Saturday!

Lessons will be in the morning both days. About two hours of biblical study along with other events that let us get to know our "Soon to Be Resident" Congregation Members. We will finish by noon on Sunday. We're looking forward to having a gathering of all Barah Ministries congregation members, and we hope you'll make time for it. Book your flights!

/Mark Your Calendars!

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
BIBLE CONFERENCE

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August 9\
/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study
June 30
August 25
September 1
December 8
December 29\

/BARAH MINISTRIES
ON PAL TALK!\

Beginning this Monday, April 29, Barah Ministries will be on Pal Talk courtesy of Deacon Larry and Pat Collins who are now welcome members of Barah Ministries. From Monday to Friday every week there will be a lesson at 5PM PDT...5PM MST...6PM MDT...7PM CDT...and 8PM EDT. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be a replay of our Sunday lessons...then on Thursday and Friday replays of previous important lessons.

The Monday broadcast begins with a twenty-minute prayer meeting...and then proceeds into the lesson. Tuning into these lessons is easy to do. Here's the process...

/BARAH MINISTRIES ON PAL TALK revealing

www.paltalk.com

Download the software

Choose a nickname

Sign into the Royal Family Room

Listen!\

If you can't find the Royal family Room, let us know, and we'll send you an invitation. Let us know at Pastor@barahministries.com This is a very

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welcome bit of progress for this ministry...thanks to Deacon Larry Collins and Pat Collins for coordinating it.

Next, let's take the offering.

/THE OFFERING

Pastor Rory Clark\

/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.\

We were looking for a facility...we found a great one...it would have taken us from \$1200 a month to \$5000 a month. We decided against it. We are looking into another space that may be less expensive. Stay tuned. We have decided to begin the plan for the building. \$20,000 of \$75,000 to start. We'd appreciate your support. We're going to investigate a loan to get the building started. We'll need your help with demolition of the buildings that are currently on our land. If you are a Craig's List aficionado, we may need your help with selling a few things that are on the land as well. We need your help with money. We can also use your expertise. If you can contribute any expertise to the building project, please let us know immediately.

This will be a great bonding experience for us...a unifying experience...I'm really looking forward to it.

/OFFERING VERSES

1TH 5:18

...in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

/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

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All Who Are Thirsty

/TODAY’S STUDY

Unconditional Love and Forgiveness are in the Foundation of Relationships

Turn in your bibles to Matthew, Chapter 18, Verse 21 for a quick lesson in forgiveness...

/MAT 18:21

Then Peter came and said to Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

Peter was being generous. The teachings of the Jewish culture indicated that three times is more than enough forgiveness.

/MAT 18:22

Jesus said to him (Peter), “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”

The Lord expanded that forgiveness has no limits...490 times if necessary...or even more! Then the Lord Jesus Christ told a story to illustrate the point... Matthew, Chapter 18, Verse 23...

/MAT 18:23

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.”

The King is the Lord Jesus Christ...the slaves are His Creatures.

/MAT 18:24

“When he had begun to settle them (the accounts), one (a slave) who owed him (the king) ten thousand talents was brought to him.”

<ROMAN CURRENCY CHART>

A talent was a weight in gold of sixty to eighty pounds. Ten thousand talents was a sum of money that could not be paid back in several

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lifetimes...it is over sixty million dollars. This is analogous to salvation...there is nothing we could ever do to pay for it.

/MAT 18:25

“But since he (the slave) did not have the means to repay, his lord (the king) commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made (so as much money as possible could be recovered).”

/MAT 18:26

“So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him (the king), saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.’”

This is in line with what we do when we request salvation...although we don't have to beg...we make vows we cannot keep.

/MAT 18:27

“And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.”

At salvation, the Lord cancels the debt consisting of decrees against us and nails our debt to the Cross. We are forgiven.

/MAT 18:28

“But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay back what you owe.’”

<ROMAN CURRENCY CHART>

One hundred denarii is much less than the slave who was collecting his debt owed to the king. The slave's debt of ten thousand talents was forgiven. But the slave would not forgive a debt of 100 Denarii that was owed to him.

/MAT 18:29

“So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you.’”

/MAT 18:30

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“But he was unwilling (to forgive) and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.”

/MAT 18:31

“So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.”

/MAT 18:32

“Then summoning him, his lord said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.’”

/MAT 18:33

“‘Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?’”

God’s forgiveness includes the forgiveness of ALL sins...and He expects us to forgive the same way.

/MAT 18:34

“And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.”

/MAT 18:35

“My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

We are studying God’s unconditional love. The study of unconditional love is really the study of relationships. The Creator and His Creatures are in a relationship, and the foundation of that relationship was the blessing from God of unconditional love. God knew in eternity past, before the foundation of the world, that His creatures would need unconditional love. He provided it. At a point, Creatures injured the relationship between them and God,

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through a complete betrayal, and they required forgiveness. We now turn our attention, in the study of unconditional love, to forgiveness. Both unconditional love AND forgiveness are in the foundation of relationships. First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13...

/1CO 13:13

But now faith, hope, love, abide (in the sphere of) these three; but the greatest of these is (unconditional) love.

Unconditional love is several things...

/UNCONDITIONAL LOVE revealing

...is a reflection of the essence of God

...is the foundation of the gospel message invitation

...is uncontainable

...is transformative

...shows concern for others even when they are harming you

..forgives\

One of the reasons Systematic Theology has such a tough time teaching unconditional love, and one of the reasons Systematic Theology, for the most part, ignores unconditional love, is because unconditional love can't be contained. It is as imminent and transcendent as God. Legalism is an attempt to contain God's magnificence with a set of finite rules. I have been wondering for years why we, as "doctrinal" believers, are so constrained in our view of God...now I know. He is limitless, and we try often, in our minds, through our paradigms, like Systematic Theology, to limit Him...to reduce Him to something we have the capacity to understand. Yet God cannot be contained in this way, and it is not until we start to see life from his eyes that we really understand this truth.

<BEING A PASTOR - CHOOSING A CONTRIBUTION>

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Unconditional love forgives. Forgiveness is a foundational aspect of relationships, and relationships require forgiveness. No study of unconditional love would be complete without a study of forgiveness. We are the victims of hurts...that is to say we get hurt by others. We get hurt often. We get hurt deeply. We are the perpetrator of hurts. That is to say we hurt others. We hurt others often. We hurt others deeply. When hurts occur in relationships, and we can certainly use stronger words for hurts, like betrayal...it's always fun to watch how fast the perpetrator wants to dismiss the hurt to the past...and how long the victim holds the hurt in inventory. often justifiably.

We must study forgiveness...what is forgiveness?

/FORGIVENESS

...is something we have the option to give as a gift to those who hurt us often and deeply

...is a requirement if relationships are to continue

...has the well being of others in view\

You have probably heard it said that to forgive means...

/FORGIVE

To totally forget or blot out an offense as if the offense had never happened.\

There was a time when I subscribed to that definition as a viable notion. The more I have thought about that definition of forgiveness over the years, the more I think it is absolutely impossible, implausible, and impractical to expect a human being to do that. I'm not even sure God forgives that way, to tell you the truth, but I'll save that discussion for a future lesson.

One thing is certain...our continuing study of unconditional love and our study of forgiveness is going to clear up a lot of notions. Often we think being unconditional in our live for others means that we have to turn ourselves into doormats. I assure you this not the case. Forgiving often involves not forgetting at all, as we will see. When we get deeper into this study, it will continue to do what we have been doing all year...it will call

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for the continuation of the spring cleaning out of the doctrinal coat hangers hanging in our spiritual closets...coat hangers that are of no use, that have been in that spiritual closet far too long.

/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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