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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

Good morning! Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 22 to 24 say...

/EPH 4:22

...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 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.

The Lord Jesus Christ has rescued us from our old identity...from our spiritual death at physical birth...from religion...from legalism...from the “good and bad” life...from the “right and wrong life” ... and He has given us God the Holy Spirit to guide us into all the truth. The Holy Spirit’s job is to use the Word of God to make us familiar with the New Self that was given to us at the moment of salvation.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED? no verse...let the verse pop in on the next click>

Welcome to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING...

/EPH 4:23

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

We come to bible study to let God the Holy Spirit change our minds. You know how easy it is for you to change your mind! Well it's even easier for God the Holy Spirit to change our minds if we let Him. The new thoughts we are to think contain an awareness of the magnificent new self we now own, which we were born to live from the beginning. God the Holy Spirit is preparing you, moment by moment, to “in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls,” so that with your changed mind, you live a life beyond your wildest dreams.

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Walk in the Light\

As God prepares your soul and your thoughts for RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...WALK IN THE LIGHT.

/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 hold two thoughts in our mind simultaneously...that you love us...and that you abhor sinning...

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, given to me by God to help you develop of a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Sovereign of the Universe, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Unconditional Love Rejects Sinning

We continue our study of the CREATOR.

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Who is the CREATOR? He is the Lord Jesus Christ...Jesus Christ is God...He is the One whose life we believers in Christ live...we have been given the resurrection life...the Zoe life...the eternal life...a life we live while here on earth and for all eternity. Galatians, Chapter 2, Verse 20 says...

/GAL 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”\

Here’s another way to look at it...

/GAL 2:20 <reveals>

The “I” life is crucified with (the Lord Jesus) Christ...

...and it is no longer the “I” life that lives...

but it is the “Christ Life” that lives in(dwelling) me...

...and the “Christ Life...” the (Zoe) life which I now live in the flesh (in the body) I live by faith in (and dependence on) the Son of God...

...who loved me (unconditionally) and gave Himself up for me.

You were not made spiritually alive at the moment of salvation, you were not born again, to prepare you to live a dead life...a crucified life. You were born again to live the Zoe Life! The Lord Jesus Christ said to the Pharisee, Nicodemus, in John, Chapter 3, Verse 7...

/JOH 3:7

“Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’”

The Lord Jesus Christ made it absolutely clear at the Cross what He thinks of the Old Self, the sin nature, personal sinning, and any things associated with spiritual death. Last week’s messages, which I understand were hard for some of you to hear, made it clear that the established and irrevocable

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fact that God loves you with unconditional love DOES NOT mean He wants you to sin. Let me repeat that...

/ABSOLUTE TRUTH

The established and irrevocable fact that God loves you unconditionally DOES NOT mean He wants you to sin

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?

You can understand that as a human parent. During my parenting, I can remember harboring the false thought that I could somehow protect my children from themselves. I did as much as I could to shield them from the “evils” of the world...I begged, prodded, coerced and cajoled...of course my parenting was no match the college life. When the “prisoners did the jail break” called college...the first time when they were “on their own,” all of the things I shielded them from and warned them about were the very things to which they immediately gravitated! Alas, I do not regret my attempts at protection...just like a great taxpayer knows that paying taxes are inevitable, I knew that my sons would inevitably take their dive into the depths of the cosmic system and be influenced by it...yet like a great taxpayer I sought to put off payment of taxes as long as possible! I wanted my boys to stay out of evil for as long as possible. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ doesn't want His believers anywhere near sin, and the New Testament is loaded with hundreds of messages about it...messages that we just seemed to miss...to skip over...when our approach to Christianity was legalism...that time when we excerpted parts of scripture to serve doctrinal ends rather than truth ends.

But now we live in the land of liberty, according to Second Corinthians, Chapter 2, Verse 17...turn there please...

/2CO 3:17

Now the Lord is (God) the (Holy) Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

We worship our God in Spirit...John, Chapter 4, Verse 24 says...

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/JOH 4:24

*“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and (in) truth.” *

The powerful Greek expression...En Pneumati...in spirit...the same expression that is in Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 18...

/EPH 5:18

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

To say it simply, without complication...be in the Spirit...just as it says in Revelation, Chapter 1, beginning at Verse 9...turn there please...

/REV 1:9

*I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. *

/REV 1:10

*I was in the Spirit (En Pneumati) on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet... *

/REV 1:11

*...saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” *

En Pneumati...in the Spirit...at the moment of salvation we are placed in union with the Lord Jesus Christ...*En Kristo Iesu*...and we are also placed into a union with God the Holy Spirit...*En Pneumati*...and my stomach turned a little bit this week when I realized how deeply evil it is for anyone to EVER suggest that because of personal sinning we could ever lose the establish fact and the irrevocable gift of *En Pneumati*...of being in the Spirit...because there is absolutely NO WAY to live the Christian Way of Life without being *En Pneumati*...the doctrine of rebound suggested that there is no spiritual life without rebound...that lie is so close to the truth...the truth is that there is no spiritual life if we are not *En Pneumati*...if we are

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not in the Spirit...and there is no way that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would ever let us lose the thing that His work on the Cross provided.

Personal sinning has to go from our lives. Like a human parent wants his children nowhere near evil...our God wants His children nowhere near evil. Just like the recovering alcoholic has decided that there is only one choice in the matter of alcohol...avoid it ALWAYS even though you will be around it...don't ever think it is okay to indulge in it...we, as Christians, must get the clear message the Lord is sending us about sin...stop it...and don't ever do it again...and don't ever think it is okay! And I wonder exactly what is so hard to hear about that, if your commitment is to the Lord and to truth. Why does that message sound "icky?" It sounds "icky" when you want to sin, and when you think that some level of sinning is perfectly okay. In this lesson, I want to take you on a tour of a few of the verses that make the Lord Jesus Christ's position on the "ickiness" of sin perfectly clear, so you'll have no confusion about what "ickiness" is in the Lord's eyes.

<JESUS RIO STATUE>

As we continue our study of unconditional love, and as we continue to learn to live in the New Self, the primary change is to look at life from behind God's eyes, and to avoid looking at life from our own eyes. Isaiah, Chapter 55, Verses 8 and 9 say...

/ISA 55:8-9

*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.// "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts (higher) than your thoughts." *

You are a new spiritual species with a New Self Life...turn to Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 14...

/2CO 5:14

*For the (unconditional) love of Christ controls us (believers in Christ), having concluded this, that One (the Lord Jesus Christ) died for ALL (not just for some), therefore ALL died (were spiritually dead) ... *

Important fact here...the sin natures of all creatures were crucified at the Cross...the personal sins of all creatures were crucified at the Cross...not

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just some...(First Timothy 2:6, Hebrews 2:9, First John 2:2)

/2CO 5:15

...and He (the Lord Jesus Christ) died for all, so that they who live (the Zoe Life...believers in Christ) might no longer live (the Zoe Life) for themselves, but for Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who died and rose again on their behalf.

We are to reflect our Lord's selfless, other-focused approach to life...

/2CO 5:16

Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh (the Old Self Life, even when they live in it); even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

We must not forget that we are no better than others...we are not more special than others...we are blessed...we now know Christ in the New Self...

/2CO 5:17

Therefore if (I) anyone is in (union with) Christ, he is a new creature (spiritual species); the old (self) things passed away; behold, new (self) things have come.

We are eager to live the New Self Life and to put aside the Old Self Life...yet we must realize the tendency of the Old Self Life...it is a tendency to always welcome us back to the “stuck” place...we want it to be okay that we occasionally indulge in the Old Self way of life...yet it isn't okay, as we will see in our brief tour of the New Testament after a five-minute break.

/BREAK

Let the Praise Ring

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

/2CO 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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There is a funny thing about evil that you may not realize...evil is no more excited to be around you than you are to be around it. This week, a story came to mind that a friend told me several years ago. He was a family man, deeply in love with his wife, great with his kids...and he was on an infrequent road trip for work. He hated traveling because he hated being away from his family. On a particular trip he told me he had an overwhelming temptation, as he put it, “to be bad.” This is a guy we called, “Goody Two Shoes,” a slang term for a person who focuses on good behavior to impress others. Yet he actually was a good man...he genuinely loved his family...and on the surface he lived a squeaky clean life.

On the trip, his hotel was right down the street from a “Gentleman’s Club,” and after passing the place several times, he said the “call of the wild” was just too tempting...so he went in. He was promptly solicited by one of the young ladies, and he purchased a lap dance. After the dance, he said the strangest thing occurred. The woman grabbed his coat, shoved it into his chest, looked right into his eyes and said, “Get out of here. You don’t belong in here.” He asked her, “What do you mean?” She said, “You love your wife...go home.” What a great story! Evil doesn’t want to be around us any more than we want to be around it, and often, evil knows it is out of place around believers. We actually make evil uncomfortable...even when we are engaged in evil...and that is what I think happened in my friend’s case. His love for his wife, which was written all over his face, made the woman uncomfortable. It probably snapped her out of the dissociative state that is required to work in those places, and made her reflect on her own life. That is very uncomfortable for evil!

God makes it clear that we are to live in the New Self Life and to lay aside the Old Self Life...when we pick up and put on the New Self Life, we are saying we want to do EVERYTHING God’s way...we are saying want to be obedient...and the Holy Spirit makes it possible, “En Pneumati.” And the New Testament of the bible is the instruction manual for the New Self Life.

Let’s take a tour of the New Testament to find out how the Lord expects His believers to handle post salvation sinning...

John, Chapter 5, Verse 14...

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/JOH 5:14

Afterward Jesus found him (the man who had been ill for thirty-eight years) in the temple (at Bethesda) and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.”

For the woman caught in the very act of adultery, who should have been stoned to death... John, Chapter 8, Verses 10 and 11...

/JOH 8:10-11

Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they (the ones who were accusing you)? Did no one condemn you?//She said, “No one (condemned me), Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”

Jesus paid for our sins...but He clearly does not want us to commit them. We have to hold two thoughts in our heads simultaneously...God loves us unconditionally and He does not want us to sin...EVER! He does not want His believers in harm's way...in evil's grasp. Romans, Chapter 6, Verses 12 to 14...

/ROM 6:12

Therefore do not let (the) sin (nature) reign (as sovereign) in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts...

/ROM 6:13

...and do not go on presenting the members of your body to (the) sin (nature) as instruments of unrighteousness; but (instead) present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members (of your body) as instruments of righteousness to God.

/ROM 6:14

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

Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 9...

/ROM 12:9

Let (unconditional) love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

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Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 21...

/ROM 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.\

Galatians, Chapter 5, Verses 16 and 17...

/GAL 5:16-17

But I say, walk by the Spirit (En Pneumati), and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.//For the flesh sets its desire against the (God the Holy) Spirit, and the (God the Holy) Spirit (sets His desire) against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not (keep on) do(ing) the things that you please (obeying the lusts of the flesh).\

Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 17 to 20...

/EPH 4:17-18

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

Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 27...

/EPH 4:27

...and do not give the devil an opportunity (a room in your soul).\

Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 3...

/EPH 5:3

But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints...\

These things are not a part of the New Self Life. Ephesians, Chapter 5,

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Verses 14 to 17...

/EPH 5:14-15

For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you.”//Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but (walk) as wise (men walk)...

/EPH 5:16-17

...making the most of your time, because the days are evil.//So then do not be foolish, but (instead) understand what the will of the Lord is...

...that we stop sinning. Colossians, Chapter 3, Verses 5 to 8...

/COL 3:5-6

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.//For it is because of these things (worshiping self not God) that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience (unbelievers)...

/COL 3:7-8

...and in them (these sins) you also once walked (in lifestyle), when you were living in them.//But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

First Timothy, Chapter 2, Verse 19...

/2TI 2:19

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord (is a believer in Christ and) is to abstain from wickedness.”

First John, Chapter 5, Verses 18 to 21...

/1JO 5:18-19

We know that no one who is born of God (ouk...not never makes it a habit) sins; but He who was born of God (the Lord Jesus Christ) keeps him (the believer), and the evil one does not touch him.//We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

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/1JO 5:20-21

And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in (union with) Him who is true, in (union with) His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and (the) eternal life (the Zoe Life).//Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

Let it be clear that our God loves us...the sinner...but He hates the sins, and He wants us nowhere near them. Amen?

/CLOSING SONG

Praise You in the Storm\

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

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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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