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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

Good Morning! Romans, Chapter 4, Verses 1 to 5 say...

/ROM 4:1

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found (in the past)?

/ROM 4:2

For if (1) Abraham was justified (declared righteous) by works (and for the sake of argument, let's assume this lie is true), he (Abraham) has something to boast about (perhaps before men), but not before God.

Then Paul asks us to consider what the Word of God has to say in the matter of Abraham's salvation...

/ROM 4:3

*For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED (in) GOD (in Jehovah Elohim...the Lord Jesus Christ in His pre-incarnate state...by expressing faith alone in Christ alone), AND IT (this faith) WAS CREDITED TO HIM (and imputed to his account) AS (ABSOLUTE) RIGHTEOUSNESS." *

/ROM 4:4

Now to the one who works, his wage (that is paid to him) is not credited as a favor, but (his wage is earned) as what is due.

/ROM 4:5

*But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who justifies the ungodly (unbelievers), his (this person's) faith is credited as (absolute) righteousness (in grace)... *

Abraham, the father of the Jewish race, did not do anything worth bragging about to obtain his "so great" salvation. He simply believed what the Lord Jesus Christ told him to do. We come to bible study to do the exact same thing...to learn what the Word of God says, and we have the choice to freely obey everything that the Lord tells us to do in His Word. Abraham's faith

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was not an action; it was an attitude. It is that same attitude we come here to express through bible study...an attitude that welcomes God's grace and voluntarily follows everything the Lord tells us to do.

<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 have your attitude changed by God. Proverbs, Chapter 8, Verses 6 and 7 say...

/PRO 8:6-7

"Listen, for I (the Word of God) will speak noble things; And the opening of my lips will reveal right things.//For my mouth will utter truth..."

Welcome to a place where you can "in humility receive the Word implanted which is able to deliver your souls."

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

I Stand Amazed at Grace\

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 Lord has given to you in grace. The opening song is...I STAND AMAZED AT GRACE.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...(0:30)

We're grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth...the Word of God...

Call to our memories the changes the Cross of Christ has made for 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 the purpose of equipping you believers in Christ for the work of service. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to open themselves to what the Lord Jesus Christ has to offer...a personal relationship powered by an unconditional love...given as a gift from God to us...a relationship that is intense and personal and passionate.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Unconditional Love is Given to Us When We are at Our Worst

First, a few announcements....

/ANNOUNCEMENTS

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is July 7, 2013\

/Mark Your Calendars!

HOMECOMING

for the

“Soon to Be Resident” Congregation

June 15-16

NEXT WEEK!

Schedule

/Saturday

9:00am- 10:00am

Introduction to Homecoming

10:00am-11:00am

Pastor John Farley Lesson

11:00am-12:00pm

Pastor Rory Clark Lesson

1:30pm

Catered Get Together at the Brumbach's House\

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/Sunday

8:00am-8:45am

Concert

June Murphy and Nancy Rubyal

9:00am- 10:30am

Pastor Rory Clark Lesson

10:30am-11:15am

The Lord's Supper Celebration

11:15am-12:00pm

Closing Ceremony\

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study

June 30

August 25

September 1

December 8

December 29\

/Happy Birthday!

Norbert Baird

June 5\

/Happy Birthday!

Monica Miller

June 7\

/Happy Birthday!

Jeremy Hollister

June 9\

/Happy Birthday!

Brittanie Rousseau

June 9\

/Happy Birthday!

Tom Slobig

June 10\

/Happy Birthday!

Marc Pomeroy

June 12\

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/Happy Birthday!
Jim Mastrocola
June 13\

/Happy Birthday!
Phillip Vallejo
June 14\

/Stacey Snow
E-Mail Address Please\

/Prayers
Alex Leary\

/Prayers
Ashley Lapinski\

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Deacon Elliott Clark\

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/JOH 15:13

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

/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

Run to You

/THE LORD’S SUPPER

Unconditional Love is Given to Us When We are at Our Worst

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.

At the Cross, the Lord Jesus Christ “finished” many things. Among them, He finished the need for us to strive to please Him by doing things...Psalm 46, Verse 10 says...

/PSA 46:10

“Cease striving and know that I am God...”

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“It is finished” asks Christians to remember and to believe that all of the things that are important to our lives are already done on our behalf... they are credited to us as a favor...with no need to work for the favors, but to simply accept and enjoy the favors. Ephesians, Chapter 1, Verse 3 says...

/EPH 1:3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ... *

We believe this promise, and we accept it as an established fact.

When we come together monthly to celebrate The Lord’s Supper, we look back to the Cross. Regarding the Lord’s Supper we are commanded...

<SLIDE: This Do in Remembrance of Me>

When we look at the Cross, what we Christians must always see is LOVE...because the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated His unconditional love for us...

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

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. *

As a result of the Cross, our sins are forgiven, once and for all time. Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 13 and 14 say...

/COL 1:13-14

*For He (God the Father) rescued us (as unbelievers) from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), //in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *

The Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles, in John, Chapter 15, Verse 13...

/JOH 15:13

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“Greater (unconditional) love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

That is exactly what our Lord did for us at the Cross...He laid down His life for His friends...and that is the Lord Jesus Christ’s attitude toward all mankind...He sees all of His creatures as His friends.

The Lord Jesus Christ’s unconditional love for us is an established fact. We celebrate today our acceptance of this beautiful and unselfish love. We accept this reality as part of our life. Our God has given us marvelous gifts. He did the work to provide the gifts. We gladly accept the gifts. We celebrate these gifts at each Lord’s Supper...we remember 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 He asks us to take time to remember, for our own benefit.

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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...

/1CO 11:25-26

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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...in the first eleven verses, Romans Chapter 5 informs us of the glorious results that come from being justified by faith, the details of which are covered in Romans Chapter 4. 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 (established as an irrevocable fact in the past), we (believers in Christ now) have peace with God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ... *

You have the same benefits that were afforded to the spiritual greats like King David and Abraham...God credited His own absolute righteousness to your account, and therefore you have peace. God has nothing against you.

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

/ROM 5:2a

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

Grace is a playground of freedom in which you are free to learn, free to grow, free 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. God's grace makes it clear that He is totally for you; therefore, no one and nothing can be successful against you.

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 2b tells us about our future...

/ROM 5:2b

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

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

Romans, Chapter 5, Verses 3 to 5 tell us...

/ROM 5:3-4

*And not only this (peace, this sphere of grace in which to stand, and this hope of glory), but we (believers in Christ) also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; //and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope... *

/ROM 5:5

*...and hope does not disappoint (put us to shame), because the (unconditional) love of God (the Father) has been poured out within our hearts through (God) the Holy Spirit who was given to us. *

With the Lord Jesus Christ on your side, you can see tribulation as one of the many gifts we have from our God. The Lord gives us the ability to endure difficulties without quitting... the Lord gives us distinctive qualities that make us obviously different from others. We have the absolute confidence that God can and will deliver us from every circumstance. The indwelling

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Holy Spirit is our pledge that our eternal security, our safety and our victory in this life is fully guaranteed.

Turn to Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 6...in Verses 6 to 8, Paul makes us aware of three significant results that came about from the Cross which are further demonstrations of God's unconditional love for all of His creatures. First, Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 6...

/ROM 5:6

*For while we were still (and even though we were) helpless (condemned to the Lake of Fire from the point of our physical birth...unable to achieve our own salvation), at the right time (in due time...the Lord Jesus) Christ died for the ungodly (spiritually dead unbelievers). *

There is no truer testimony to unconditional love than what God does for His creatures when they are unlovable...when they are at their worst. In the condition of spiritual death, creatures are condemned and totally unable to save themselves. Think of all the people in this world who have bought the Satanic lie that there is something we can do to assist in our salvation... water baptism...going to church...feeling sorry for our sins... tithing...you name the distortion. Yet when we are ungodly, the Lord Jesus Christ came to the earth to give His life to make our salvation a possibility.

In Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 7 it says...

/ROM 5:7

*For one will hardly (rarely) die for a righteous (good) man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to (be brave enough) die. *

The military establishment comes to mind...soldiers die for good men... police come to mind...fire fighters come to mind...they are people of integrity who protect people of integrity...they are willing to die for good men...but truly no man wants to die for anyone...yet the Lord Jesus Christ was willing to die for all mankind. Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8...

/ROM 5:8

*But God (the Father) demonstrates His own love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners (as "strengthless" unbelievers), (the Lord Jesus) Christ died for us. *

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The Greek says God the Father “commends” His love toward us...it’s translated “demonstrates” here...it’s almost a sales term...He gives us His love as a “sales commission” for doing nothing...He pays us with His love without us working at all...it’s the dream of every person...to get paid without doing the work! To all of this, I can only say...amazing is the grace that saved a wretch like me...and you!

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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 unconditional love, your person, your thinking, your work, and your essence...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ's name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!
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