

## THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

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### **/Welcome To BARAH MINISTRIES a Christian Church**

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Good morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher, a gift given to me by God to help you develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Sovereign of the Universe, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is my pleasure to lay down my life for you as we pursue rigorously the truth of the Word of God. Turn in your bibles to First Peter, Chapter 1...

/1PE 1:1

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are (the) chosen (ones...believers in Christ)...\*

/1PE 1:2

*...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of (God) the (Holy) Spirit, (created) to obey Jesus Christ and (to) be sprinkled with His blood (for the forgiveness of sins): May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.*

Welcome to your homecoming! Welcome to the gathering of your chosen family, your chosen congregation...to those of you who live here and to those of you who are scattered all across this great nation...may God's peace, and grace and glory be yours now and always.

All of us, as Christians, are aliens, because we are citizens of heaven, not citizens of Satan's kingdom. For those of you who are not resident to Barah Ministries in Phoenix, you are not aliens. You are every bit a part of the one Body and the one Spirit which all Christians share. We are a unified force. We are part of each other. We are one. And we are delighted to see you face-to-face.

As Peter is telling us in his first letter, it was common that believers of the

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one Body and the one Spirit were scattered throughout several geographies. For those of you who are not resident in Phoenix this is still your situation, a situation brought on by your choice of the Pastor with whom you want to study, and because of your choice of the congregation of which you choose to be a part. But this is not unusual at all. In fact it was quite common in the first century, and it is still common today, more common than we would think. Many believers are scattered throughout geographies, and separated from their church of affiliation. So there is no need feel like a freak. In fact, after a quarter century of biblical study, Barah Ministries was my first resident congregation. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 3...

/1PE 1:3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy (and not by our merit) has caused us (believers in Christ) to be born again (in spiritual birth) to a living hope (an absolute confidence) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... \*

/1PE 1:4

*...to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you... \*

/1PE 1:5

*...(you believers in Christ) who are protected by the (enabling) power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. \*

As believers in Christ, our future is secure...our hope is not in vain...our eternal destiny is sealed by the single decision, when we expressed our faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 6...

/1PE 1:6

*In this (sanctification...protection...hope) you (believers in Christ) greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials... \*

We are set apart, as believers in Christ, for service to God and for a short time here on earth we suffer through a series of inconveniences on His behalf. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 7...

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/1PE 1:7

*...so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ... \*

As Christians...we are to live our faith...and the knowledge of all God has done for us in the past as established and irrevocable facts, we now experience as manifest...a visible evidence of our confidence in our God...not the Christian Way of Life...but the Christian Way of Living. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 8...

/1PE 1:8

*...and though you have not seen Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), you love Him (unconditionally), and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him (with the expression of your faith), you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory... \*

/1PE 1:9

*...obtaining as the outcome of your faith (in Christ) the salvation of your souls. \*

Even though you don't see your God face-to-face, even though you don't see your Pastor regularly face-to-face...even though you don't get to interact with your fellow congregation members regularly face-to-face...my sincere hope is that these family gatherings become a regular part of our lives. In fact, I insist on it! God has made it possible for chairs to fly at supersonic speeds through the air. And God has made us able to afford to purchase seats in these chairs. It is my sincere hope, that this weekend makes it clear that there is no need to wait for a special moment to come to see your family. We love you. We welcome you. We want you. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 10...

/1PE 1:10

*As to this salvation, the (Old Testament) prophets who prophesied of the (age of) grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries (during their study of Scripture)... \*

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/1PE 1:11

*...seeking to know what person or time (God) the (Holy) Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He (the Spirit) predicted (in their writings) the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.\*

/1PE 1:12

*It was revealed to them (the Old Testament prophets) that they were not serving themselves, but (they were serving) you (Church Age believers), in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by (God) the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look (by rubbernecking).\*

All angelic creatures looked forward to the age we live in, to see exactly what it is that the Cross of Christ would provide to us believers...and they can't believe their eyes as the greatness of the blessings to the Church unfold. In First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 13...Peter exhorts us to the Christian Way of Living...

/1PE 1:13

*Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.\*

Obey your God...that's action...control yourself...stop sinning...give your all...take advantage of the hope you have in you...use God's sphere of grace as your playground of freedom...

/1PE 1:14

*As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance...\*

Don't go back to the old man life...

/1PE 1:15

*...but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior...\*

Embrace the new man life...

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/1PE 1:16

*...because it is written (in Old Testament Scripture), “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”\*

We don't have to work to be Holy...we don't have to work to be blessed...we don't have to work for salvation...we don't have to work for the Zoe Life...we simply decide to let our God reveal to us daily what He has done for us, and we come to enjoy it.

These are the things you have to look forward to as part of Barah Ministries...you can look forward to spending the rest of your lives learning what the New Testament has to say to you about what Christ has already done for you...and I look forward to learning it with you.

### **/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

*Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Come Into Your Presence\

As God prepares your soul to enjoy your homecoming celebration, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. Let's turn from the cares of the world, let's enjoy our weekend sanctuary, let's enjoy each other...as we bask in the Lord's presence through the study of His Word. The song is COME INTO YOUR PRESENCE.

### **/OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

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

Reveal to us the blessings you have bestowed upon us through our New Man...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

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### /TODAY'S STUDY

#### **You are the One New Man\**

Imagine that you live in a house that you can't stand. Everything inside of you wants to tear down the house and start over from scratch. The house disgusts you. But for some reason, you just can't bring yourself to do it. I had this experience about seven years ago. So I made plans. I hired an architect, and he designed a beautiful, brand new home that was nothing like the old home. I paid for the plans, tacked them to the wall, and stared at them. I talked about them regularly, talked about how nice it would be to live in a house like that one day, showed the plans to all my friends, got a lot of encouragement from them to move forward, but I didn't. I just sat there in my old house, disgusted.

My architect treated me a bit like God treated Adam and the woman in the garden. He assured me that I would absolutely love the new home. Turn to Genesis, Chapter 2, Verse 15...

/GEN 2:15

*Then the Lord God (Jesus Christ in His pre-incarnate Person) took the man (Adam) and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.\*

/GEN 2:16

*The Lord God (Jesus Christ in His pre-incarnate Person) commanded the man (Adam), saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely..."\*

The architect said, "Rory...you will love your new home. Of all the rooms of your new home you may roam freely. Each will be designed just as you want, to your complete liking. You will love it all. You will not hate any of it!" Now back to Adam...Genesis, Chapter 2, Verse 17...

/GEN 2:17

*"...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it (dying spiritually) you will surely die (physically)."\*

The architect said, "Rory...you hate your old home. If you stay in it, you will surely die!" To which I said, "You're Greek Orthodox...you're a Roman Catholic gone bad...what do you know?" Well I built my new home.

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The old one was completely torn down. The new one is now built. And even though I have been in the new one for nearly two years now, I have not learned to take advantage of all of its beauty. Isn't it that way for us as Christians as well? Turn to Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 22...

/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. \*

At the moment of salvation, our God made us into a new man...new self isn't such a great way to say it. He tore down the old man, crucifying it at the Cross...burying it...it is dead...yet we still want to live in it. Romans, Chapter 6, Verse 2...

/ROM 6:2

*How shall we who died to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature) still live in it? \*

I find then a principle...that we who have a completely new house, a new man, prefer to live in the old...and my job is to invite you to stop it, and to start loving who you were made into at the moment of salvation...and who you forever more will be...and in this lesson I will continue to introduce you to the ONE NEW MAN. Take a five-minute break.

**/BREAK**

*When I Think About Home \*

Welcome back! Turn in your bibles to Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 14...

/EPH 2:14

*For He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is our peace, who made both groups (Jews and Gentiles) into one (group) and (who) broke down the barrier of the dividing wall... \*

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/EPH 2:15

*...by abolishing in His flesh (His true humanity) the enmity, which is the (Mosaic) Law (an enmity) of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He (the Lord Jesus Christ) might make the two into ONE NEW MAN, thus establishing peace... \*

/EPH 2:16

*...and (that He...the Lord Jesus Christ) might reconcile them both (the two groups) in one body to God (the Father) through the Cross, by it (death on a Cross) having put to death the enmity. \*

/EPH 2:17

*AND HE (the Lord Jesus Christ) CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND (the Lord Jesus Christ preached) PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR... \*

/EPH 2:18

*...for through Him He (the Lord Jesus Christ) we both (Jews and Gentiles) have our (direct) access (to God) in one Spirit to (God) the Father. \*

Out with the old, and in with the new. Whether it is translated NEW SELF or ONE NEW MAN...this is who we are...the NEW MAN....

/ONE NEW MAN  
kainon anthroopon\

...it is clear that the Lord Jesus Christ did away with the Old Man at the Cross, and created us as a completely NEW MAN. Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 17 says...

/2CO 5:17

*Therefore if (1) anyone is in (union with) Christ (an all believers are), he is a new creature (kainee ktisis); the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. \*

We Church Age believers are a new spiritual species.

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What does this mean? It means the barriers between the CREATOR and His CREATURES are down according to...Ephesians, Chapter 3, Verses 11 and 12...

/EPH 3:11-12

*This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He (God the Father) carried out in (union with) Christ Jesus our Lord, //in whom we (believers in Christ) have boldness and confident (direct) access through (our) faith in Him. \*

The barriers also are down between people...Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 19 and 20...

/COL 1:19-20

*For it was the (God the) Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), //and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. \*

Geography is not a barrier between us. Race is not a barrier between us. Social status is not a barrier between us. Gender is not a barrier between us. Religion is not a barrier for us. Legalism is not a barrier for us. Our enemy, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion looking to devour our established and irrevocable peace, our established and irrevocable faith, our established and irrevocable hope, replacing them with fear and uncertainty and doubt. Yet Satan's are the ramblings and the creakings of a torn down house. These thoughts that haunt the shadows of our memories no longer exist... they are dead and they are buried...and they certainly have no power over us.

Religion and legalism encouraged us to call these dead thoughts to mind...to focus on rules, and on sin, and on self...yet these things are old...behold new things have come. Romans, Chapter 6, Verses 11 to 14 say...

/ROM 6:11

*Even so (believers in Christ) consider yourselves to be dead to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature), but alive to God in (union with) Christ Jesus. \*

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/ROM 6:12

*Therefore do not let (the) sin (nature) reign 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 present yourselves to God as (if you are one of) those alive from the dead, and (present) your members as instruments of righteousness to God. \*

/ROM 6:14

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

God made you the ONE NEW MAN at the moment of salvation as a result of His work at the Cross. Out with the old and in with the new.

Being ONE NEW MAN doesn't mean you are a patsy...it doesn't mean you don't have likes and dislikes because you do...it doesn't mean you won't swear damn it! It doesn't mean you won't get angry. It doesn't mean you aren't human. It doesn't mean that you will forget the hurts when others injure you. It doesn't mean you are willing to be treated any way someone else wants to treat you.

What being ONE NEW MAN does mean, is that when the chips are down in your life, or in the lives of those you love, you will always seek a spiritual solution to the problem. What being ONE NEW MAN does mean is that regardless of circumstances your life will reflect contentment, as opposed to fear or panic. What being ONE NEW MAN does mean is that every chance you get, your life will reflect Christ. And although you are imperfect, the perfection of Christ will shine through you as you reflect the fruit that God the Holy Spirit produces through you for others to see. His fruit is, as it says in Galatians, Chapter 5, Verses 22 and 23...

/GAL 5:22-23

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness... \*

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/GAL 5:23

*...gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.\*

Welcome home. Welcome to a place where you are free to be yourself... free to shine...free to love...free to be loved...free to enjoy yourself and free to enjoy the members of your body. May we have a fun filled weekend, filled with our God, filled with His Word, in the Spirit, and filled with the knowledge that wherever you are in the world you have brethren who are willing to look out for you.

**/CLOSING SONG**

He Remembers to Forget\

**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 unconditional love, your person, your

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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!**

**Thanks for watching!**

**Thanks for listening!**

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