

THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

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**/Welcome To
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a Christian Church
Rory Clark
Pastor-Teacher**

Good morning! Ephesians, Chapter 1, Verses 4 to 8 say...

/EPH 1:4-5

*In (unconditional) love//He (God the Father) predestined us to adoption as (adult) sons through (the Lord) Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His (God the Father's) will... *

/EPH 1:6-8

*...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.//In Him (the Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ) we have redemption through His blood, (and we have) the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace//which He lavished on us... *

In just a few verses we learn that the entire Godhead elected us to the privilege of salvation, predestined us to receive the resources necessary to be perfected, adopted us as adult sons, bestowed grace upon us, forgave our trespasses, and lavished spiritual blessings on us. These are just a few of the things we learn as we uncover the richness of the Word of God through biblical study. We are beneficiaries of the “kind intention of God’s will.”

<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...Colossians, Chapter 3, Verse 10 says...

/COL 3:10

*...put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him... *

God the Holy Spirit changes our minds. We tune out the ramblings of KCOS, the world system of thought, and we tune into the guidance of WGOD, as God the Holy Spirit broadcasts new thoughts for us to think which power the New Self Life. We are strengthened with power from the

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SOURCE of God the Holy Spirit’s glorious might. Welcome to a place where you can “in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to save your souls.”

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Dance with My Father\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let’s listen to June Murphy worship in song...the opening song is a tribute to the Fathers in the world who have earned the nickname Daddy...the song is Dance with My Father.

/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 feel worthy of all the blessings you bestow on us...especially the blessings of a father...

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

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Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher, a gift given to me by God for the building up of God’s Royal Family...the Church...the body of Christ...as the bride of Christ. It is my job to help you become fruitful through the true knowledge of our Lord

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and Savior Jesus Christ...fruitful through the development of a deep, intimate and personal relationship with Him.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Being Worthy of Unconditional Love

We continue our study of the CREATOR.

<CREATOR VS. CREATURE CONFLICT 21 C's SLIDE>

Who is the CREATOR? The Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator of all things on the earth and in the universe. The Lord Jesus Christ is God. Turn in your bibles to Hebrews, Chapter 10, Verse 1...the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ is speaking from the manger on the day He was born...and His eyes were firmly fixed on the One who sent Him...God the Father...a fitting tribute to the Father from the Son...

<Read Hebrews 10:1-7>

/HEB 10:7

“THEN I (the Lord Jesus Christ) SAID (from the manger), ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD (the Father). ’”

We worship the sovereign CREATOR of the universe, who began His worship of and His tribute to His Father from birth. At Barah Ministries we stop for a moment to offer our tribute to men everywhere who have played the role of Daddy to a child. I'd like to read a story to you as part of the tribute.

These Boys Have to Grow Up Sometime
by Jim Proebstle

There is a lot of concern about raising kids today, especially with drugs, weirdoes and perverts that may bring harm to our most precious gifts. It's understandable. “Back in the day” things were different. We grew up with an emphasis on independent thinking and on being able to take care of ourselves. Take this story, for example, as to how a father's own sense of adventure had an impact on his son's creativity.

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In May of 1960, most of my buddies and me were about to turn sixteen. We were men, or so we thought, fresh off a successful football season in Canton, Ohio. At the time we were a little out of control, pushing the envelope with mishaps and trouble, but basically good kids. More importantly, we were about to get our driver's licenses. If we could just pass the written test and the driving test we were "good to go."

This whole idea of driving had nothing but adventure written all over it from my point of view, so Bill, Bruce, Larry and I decided to capitalize. We wanted to take a road trip—three fifteen year olds about to turn sixteen and one sixteen year old. Fortunate for us, I grew up with a father who, while stern, loved adventure. His love for camping and the outdoors was stimulated by his boyhood in Cass Lake, Minnesota and put him in the league of Davey Crockett and Daniel Boone.

*Our plan was simple. I would make an appeal to my dad that we wanted to go camping. I knew in later years, like when I was sixteen or seventeen, that if I used the word camping in any sentence with my dad, I was likely to get a "Yes." For example, if I asked to go to Cleveland and raise hell with my friends for the weekend, I was very likely to get a "No" and not see the light of day for the rest of the weekend. If I asked to borrow the second car and the family tent to go camping with my buddies at a state park on Lake Erie near Port Clinton, this would pass muster all day. Dad was a good father, but **just not always tuned into the big picture**—namely that the campground was ten miles away from Catawba and Cedar Point where we could raise hell and chase girls.*

In Ohio you needed to have a permanent driver, namely one who was licensed and sixteen, in the car with you as a fifteen year-old driver with a temporary permit. Armed with this knowledge I approached my dad. "Dad, some of my buddies on the football team and I have an idea that sounds like fun."

"What is it, Jimmy?"

"Well, it involves camping, but our plan is to be gone until a week from Sunday." That was when my mom stopped washing the dishes to give full attention to our little talk.

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“That’s eight days from now.” He paused, but I could see the gleam in his eye. He continued. “What’s your plan?”

I explained that we had picked out a state park named Raccoon Creek in WV about one hundred and twenty miles away, close to Pittsburg.

“Who’s going to drive?”

“Well, that’s why Bill, Bruce and I need your permission to use our car.” We were the only ones to have two cars so the request made sense.

“None of you have turned sixteen, yet...you need a driver with a permanent permit.”

It was time to play my ace-in-the-hole. “Larry is sixteen. He’s going, too,” I said. Larry happened to be the one kid that every parent trusted—what a great cover.

“I don’t think this is a very good idea, Len,” my mother interrupted with an authoritative tone while twisting her apron. Dad paused, and then looked me straight in the eye. He paused again and turned to my mom and said, “These boys have to grow up sometime.”

Can you imagine giving a car to four kids of our age for an eight day “camping trip” with no contact, cell phone check-ins, or adult supervision? Nuts, right? Maybe, but that’s when we started to grow up. That’s when I started to imagine possibilities, not just with the girls we met, but with everything around me. I was lucky enough to have a father who encouraged me to take responsibility for growing up. The freedom of thinking that I was encouraged to develop as a teenager definitely helps me as an adult.

Happy Father’s Day to every dad with teenage sons who are trying to become young men.

I always chuckle at the way Father’s are portrayed in this world. Father’s are portrayed as buffoons...as little boys...as sleep at the switch. The author of this story claimed that his Father **was not always tuned into the big picture**. To be sure, if you go to a mall just to sit and look at men, you can easily see why men are thought of as buffoons...always the too big belly

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hanging over the belt...always the un-ironed cargo shorts that have been worn one too many years and are much too wrinkled...always the two generations ago Nike running shoes which you're sure have never been used for running...always the little boy attitude in relation to their wives...“I have to ask mommy if I can go golfing, because if mommy is not happy then nobody is happy.” You get the picture.

I say that men well tuned into the big picture, especially in relation to kids. I say men have an innate sense of adventure, as evidenced by the refusal to ask for directions when they are lost...I say men are more apt to remain calm, without panic in their souls, than to take the easy route of asking for directions. Men have a willingness to be wrong in situations that is actually refreshing. Men are more likely to remain calm under pressure and to allow themselves and others to experience the freedom of “figuring life out.”

Men have something to offer children that is absolutely necessary in children...a sense of independence...a sense of adventure...a sense of risk. I salute men for this wonderfulness during this Father's Day celebration, and I encourage mothers and women everywhere to enjoy the contribution that Fathers make to their children. Yes, we may fumble the diaper change. Yes, we may be less apt with the car seat. Yes, we may not care much about the same things women do. Yet men do care the people around them...in a strong and often silent way...men have an innate sense of protection for those in their charge even though they may not be emoting it every minute. And I'd suggest that we look for and enjoy that part of men every once in a while. And there is no better time to do it than Father's Day. Happy Father's Day, a week late, to all you men out there, within ear shot of Barah Ministries, who have played some role in raising children.

Our study of the CREATOR, the Lord Jesus Christ, who during His incarnation always sought to do the will of His Father, has us studying the different parts of God's Essence. Tick. Tock. What time is it on the CREATOR CLOCK?

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE>

It's First Corinthians Thirteen O'clock on the Creator Clock! First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13 says...

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/1CO 13:13

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

We'll continue our study of unconditional love after a five-minute break.

/BREAK

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship
When I Think About Home*

Welcome back!

Are you worthy of unconditional love? Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 1 says...

/EPH 4:1

Therefore I (Paul), the prisoner of the Lord, implore you (believers in Christ) to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...

You have been called to a WALK as a Christian, to a lifestyle, of unconditional love. Are you walking in a manner worthy of the calling? How can you even tell if you are walking in a manner worthy of the calling? You can tell because such worthiness CAN be demonstrated. What are we doing when we are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called? We are constructing a lifestyle of obedience. John, Chapter 15, Verse 14 says...

/JOH 15:14

“You are My friends if you do what I command you.”

Turn in your bibles to Romans Chapter 8...what a phenomenal “calling to which you have been called chapter” ... let's read it together and then let's go back and highlight the beauty of these thirty-nine lifestyle verses...

<Read Romans, Chapter 8>

Here's a summary of the highlights of “walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called” in Romans, Chapter 8. In Verse 1 of

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Romans 8...

/ROM 8:1

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in (union with) Christ Jesus.

You are not condemned, so stop condemning yourself and you are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. In Verse 5 of Romans 8...

/ROM 8:5

For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, (spirit set their minds on) the things of the Spirit.

Stop giving power to the dead part of you, the Old Self, and instead obey the Spirit in you. When you do you are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. When faced with temptation, make the great choice. In Verse 14 of Romans 8...

/ROM 8:14

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Allow yourself to be led and stop thinking that you have to do everything on your own. How many resources has God put around you that you ignore because you think you are the only one who has the answers for your life? When you allow yourself to be led by God the Holy Spirit who is indwelling you, you are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. In Verse 16 of Romans 8...

/ROM 8:16

(God) The (Holy) Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God (the Father)...

When you listen to Daddy...when you believe the promises that your Daddy makes...you are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. In Verse 25 of Romans 8...

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/ROM 8:25

But if we hope (with absolute confidence) for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

When you know your God is going to come through for you and when you announce to everyone around you that you expect for Him to come through, you are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. In Verse 31 of Romans 8...

/ROM 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If (1) God is for us (and He is), who is (victorious) against us?

When you have a sense of positive expectancy you are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. You expect to always win in every situation, and you are not surprised when you do. You expect to be the star in your own movie. In Verse 35 of Romans 8...

/ROM 8:35

Who will separate us (believers in Christ) from the (unconditional) love of Christ?

You enjoy the power of God's unconditional love toward you, when you are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. You feel worthy of receiving God's unconditional love because you KNOW He wants you to have it. Best of all, in verses 38 and 39 of Romans 8...you enjoy your unbreakable relationship with God...

/ROM 8:38

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers...

/ROM 8:39

...nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You are walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called when you realize what it really means to be God's possession...that He loves you...that He wants you...and that in union with Him you can rest.

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/CLOSING SONG

Father I'm Yours\

CLOSING VERSES

/PHI 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He (God the Father) who began a (divine) good work in (the creation of) you will (keep on) perfect(ing) it until the day of Christ Jesus.

/PSA 37:1-2

Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers.//For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb.

/PHI 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard (garrison) your hearts and your minds (for those of you) in (union with) Christ Jesus.

/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!
Thanks for watching!
Thanks for listening!

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