

THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT
Lesson 491– July 14, 2013

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

Good morning! First John, Chapter 1, Verse 5 says...

/1JO 1:5

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Matthew, Chapter 5, Verses 14 to 16 say...

/MAT 5:14-16

“You (believers in Christ) are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but (a light is placed) on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and (it will) glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

God is our Light...He enlightens us with His truth, and we shine as lights in this kingdom of darkness in which we live, for the purpose of glorifying Him.

<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. This is a place where you can learn from God...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 was given to renew your mind. Are you listening? Are you tuning out the ramblings of KCOS, the world system of thought? Are you tuning in the guidance of WGod, as God the Holy Spirit broadcasts new thoughts for you to think during bible study which power the New Self Life? Once you hear the Word of God, are you living what you are

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learning? We are strengthened with power from the SOURCE of God the Holy Spirit's glorious might as He leads us into all the truth. 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

God of Wonders\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's listen to June Murphy worship our Lord in song...the opening song is GOD OF WONDERS.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Lead us into the depth of your Word...give us an accurate understanding of the Christian Way of Life...help us to turn it into the Christian Way of Living for the purpose of glorifying you...

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. It is my job to help you become fruitful through the true

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – An Overview

For over six years you have heard me say, “We continue our study of the CREATOR.”

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

Well the CREATOR is quite satisfied with our progress in getting to know Him. So He has asked me, through God the Holy Spirit, to lay aside the continuation of our study of the CREATOR, and to teach you instead how to study a letter, an epistle in the bible. So in the first lesson today we closed out our study of unconditional love at thirteen o'clock on the CREATOR CLOCK, and we begin our study for the Book of Romans.

Turn in your bible to Romans, Chapter 1.

As we begin our study of the Book of Romans, I am expecting a new level of attentiveness from you as learners. I expect you to take notes, and I expect you to be able to pass quizzes. A great teacher always gives you the questions that will be on the test, the answers to the test, then they give you the test. So the quizzes should never be a surprise to you. They are designed to transition you from passive learners to active learners. Active learners seek out biblical information and store it in their brains. Passive learners wait for Pastor Pigeon to poop knowledge onto their heads, but in the moment of pressure they are unable to recall the truth that is stored in their souls so they can mix that truth with their own faith. Hebrews, Chapter 4, Verse 2 says...

/HEB 4:2

For indeed we (believers in Christ) have had good news preached to us, just as they (unbelievers have had good news preached) also; but the word (the gospel message) they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

The bible is divided into two major sections. The Old Testament and the

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New Testament.

<OLD TESTAMENT – CROSS- NEW TESTAMENT SLIDE>

The Cross is the dividing line between the Old Testament and the New Testament. You may notice immediately a similarity to our study of the Old Self and the New Self. We'll learn more about that in future lessons, but I can tell you that in light of the Creator versus Creature Conflict, there is some relevance if you made a connection between Old Testament and Old Self...New Testament and New Self. The Old Testament is God's instruction set to believers in the Age of Israel. The New Testament is God's instruction set to believers in the Church Age, which is the present era of divine history. Anything from the Old Testament that is relevant to New Testament believers is repeated in the New Testament.

There are 66 books in the bible. There are 39 books in the Old Testament. There are 27 books in the New Testament. We are embarking on the study of one of the books of the New Testament, the letter of Paul to the Romans.

As I begin to study a book of the bible, I like having a brief overview of it. I don't really trust the overviews I find...I trust my own study more than I trust another person's study of a book. But I do find the overview useful as a starting point. For example, here is one overview of the Book of Romans from a trusted source...

/ROMANS OVERVIEW

Chapter 1 to Chapter 11
What Christians Believe

Chapter 12 to Chapter 16
How Christians Are to Behave\

Even though I trust the source, I still make my own overview at the appropriate time. There are sixteen chapters in the Book of Romans. According to this resource, the first eleven of the chapters outline what Christians believe...the final five chapters outline how Christians ought to behave in light of what they believe. So when you read the book of Romans, you can determine for yourself if this overview captures the truth about the

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book.

Another helpful way to look at a letter comes from Pastor John Farley...

/ROMANS OVERVIEW

Where does the letter start?

Where does it take you?

Where does it end?\

I find this overview method very useful.

As I begin to study a book, I begin with the study of a single chapter. I also find it useful to overview the chapter. Here is my overview of Romans, Chapter 1. Your assignment for this week is to read Romans, Chapter 1 several times with this outline in mind. See if the outline gives you a good feel for the content of the chapter.

/PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS
Chapter 1 (32 Verses)

Verses 1 to 7

Introduction

Verses 8 to 15

Prayer for and Intention of Paul's Ministry

Verses 16 to 17

The Gospel is Salvation is by grace through faith

Verses 18 to 32

God's Wrath Against the Sin of Unbelief\

Let's Romans, Chapter 1 together to see if this outline fits.

<Read Romans, Chapter 1>

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After I read the section of the chapter that I'll be studying, I go thorough the section to look for terminology that is being used, and I ask myself if I know what the terminology means. By doing this, I can make a quiz for myself that will force me to learn the terminology. For example, for Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7, here is the quiz I created.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

Who is the apostle Paul?

What is a bond-servant?

Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?\

/QUIZ

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What is the difference between an apostle and you?

What does it mean to be “set apart?”

What does it mean to be born a descendent of David?\

/QUIZ

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Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What does it mean to be beloved?

What is a saint?

What is grace?\

If I'm a good teacher, after we study Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7, you should have answers to these questions. If you are a good student, you will know the answers to these questions, you'll be able to recall them under the pressure of a quiz, and you'll be able to teach them to someone else. That's how you become an active learner in biblical study. Take a five-minute break!

/BREAK

*Change my Heart of God
When I Think About Home*

Welcome back! Let's overview the meaning of the first seven verses of Romans, Chapter 1.

/ROM 1:1

Paul, a bond-servant (slave) of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart (by God) for the (dissemination of the) gospel of God...

Slaves have a master. The master is responsible for providing everything the slave needs.

/ROM 1:2

...which He (God the Father) promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures (of the Old Testament)...

The Word of God is a love letter to the human race. It is also a series of promises, every one of which comes true. This fact should do battle with some of the things you may have been taught about the bible, such as, that the bible is just a series of stories, that are more like parables for our understanding, none of which are true. That's totally false. The bible is the

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EXACT THINKING of the Lord Jesus Christ, written down word for word by believers in Christ under the inspiration of God the Holy Spirit. There is not one bit of human interpretation involved, and there is not one contradiction, not one error, and not one distortion in the bible.

/ROM 1:3

...concerning His Son (the Lord), who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh (as true humanity...Jesus Christ)...

Jesus Christ existed before His thirty-three year incarnation as the Lord, God the Son. He is 100% God and He is 100% true humanity in one person forever. He is the unique person of the universe.

Please note...the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ came from the line of an adulterer, murderer, and conspirator...David...of David and Goliath fame...one of the worst sinners who ever lived and one of the best kings who ever lived.

/ROM 1:4

...who was declared the Son of God with (enabling) power by the resurrection from the dead, according to (the power of God) the Spirit of holiness, (this) Jesus Christ our Lord...

Resurrection from the dead validated Jesus Christ's claim to Deity. Two things really made the Lord Jesus Christ unique...His death on the Cross to pay for the sins of the world, and His resurrection from the dead. None of the pretend "gods" can offer those two things as a calling card. Son of God is an indication that God the Son voluntarily put Himself into a submission relationship with God the Father. Yet even in doing so, He did not surrender one thing that makes Him Deity...He is every bit equal to God the Father.

/ROM 1:5

...through whom we (Paul) have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His (the Lord Jesus Christ's) name's sake...

God gives Paul his authority. Paul is given his spiritual gift, the gift of apostle by God. God gives you a spiritual gift. A spiritual gift has a purpose and a function (for Paul, to bring about obedience).

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/ROM 1:6

...among whom you (as believers in Christ) also are the called of Jesus Christ...

Paul is called...you are called...what does it mean to be called?

/ROM 1:7

...to all who are (the) beloved of God (believers in Christ) in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and (from) the Lord Jesus Christ.\

/Reflecting On These Verses

Who is the author?

What are the author's credentials?

Who are the recipients?

Who is with the author as he writes?

What is the greeting?\

So now if we look back at the quiz, did our overview give us any insight?

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The overview doesn't really give us any insight, even after we know what the passage is communicating. This is why biblical study is necessary. This is why a Pastor Teacher is necessary...to help you understand what you are reading. I'm looking forward to providing you with the insight that will allow you to study the bible, so that you understand it as well or better than I do.

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/CLOSING SONG

There is a Love\

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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