

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
**Lesson 492 – July 14, 2013**

**/Welcome To  
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Good Morning! Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 4 to 15 say...

/LUK 8:4

*When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to (hear) Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), He spoke by way of a parable...\*

/LUK 8:5

*“The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.”\*

/LUK 8:6

*“Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.”\*

/LUK 8:7

*“Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.”\*

/LUK 8:8

*“Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.” As He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said these things, He would call out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”\*

/LUK 8:9

*His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant.\*

/LUK 8:10

*And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said, “To you (believers in Christ...the spiritually discerning) it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest (unbelievers) it is in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.”\*

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/LUK 8:11

*“Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.”\*

/LUK 8:12

*“Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved (these are unbelievers).”\*

/LUK 8:13

*“Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation (trials, suffering, enticement) fall away.”\*

/LUK 8:14

*“The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, (the Word of God) and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.”\*

/LUK 8:15

*“But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.”\*

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

We come to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING, to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God, so we can bear fruit with perseverance. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

*...(keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind...*

During bible study, God the Holy Spirit prepares you to “in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to save your souls.” Thank you for expressing your will with your presence...thanks for being here to get another dose of truth courtesy of the God who loves you unconditionally.

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**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

*Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ*  
Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

I Surrender All\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...I SURRENDER ALL.

**/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 see your love as we look back to the Cross.

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 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 an intense and personal and passionate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION**  
**From Now On, When We Look at the Cross We'll See Love\**

Let's take the offering. Let's welcome up Deacon Caleb Alburn.

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**/THE OFFERING**

Deacon Caleb Alburn\

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/PHIL 4:19

*And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.\*

/MAT 6:31-33

*Do not worry then, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear for clothing?” //For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. //But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.\*

/PSA 46:10a

*Cease striving and know that I am God...\*

/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**

*How Great Is Our God?\*

**/THE LORD’S SUPPER CELEBRATION**

**From Now On, When We Look at the Cross We’ll See Love\**

I don’t know what is going on in your souls these days, but if what is going on in my soul is any indication, you’re seeing life differently. Our study of unconditional love, our debunking of Systematic Theology has opened up a whole new series of possibilities on how to worship God, on how to be comfortable with the imperfections of self, and on how to treat others.

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Frankly, I'll never be the same. I hope the same is true for those of you who are engaging in the diligent study of the Word of God through this ministry.

The bible describes believers in Christ as “the beloved of God,” and I ran across this description of the term in my Systematic Theology notes this week...

/“Beloved of God”

Being loved by God is not going to make us a good church, a great church, or even a church. The fact that God loves us doesn't mean a thing in itself because that merely reflects motivation, but not action, security, protection, supply, or blessing.\

/“Beloved of God”

Security, protection, supply, and blessing all come from the grace of God, and they come from His justice rather than His love. Love is the motivator; grace is the provider. The function of all blessing to every born again believer has come through justice. God's love cannot provide blessing. Only God's justice can provide blessing.\

Yet First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13 says...

/1CO 13:13

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

I don't know how this nonsense hits your soul, but I have never heard anything more stupid in my life...this assessment from the “human deity” who taught the Word of God for fifty-three years, yet missed the most simple, most obvious truth from the Word of God...unconditional love. And here is the indictment...in First John, Chapter 4, Verse 8...

/1JO 4:8

*The one who does not love (unconditionally) does not know God, for God is (unconditional) love.\*

In excerpts from First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24...

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/1CO 11:23-24

*...the Lord Jesus (Christ) in the night in which He was betrayed...said,  
“...(Keep on) do(ing) this in remembrance of Me.”\*

The Lord’s Supper celebration is a gift to us from a God who loves us unconditionally...and we may wonder from time to time what the ritual is all about...and why He asks us “to keep on doing this in remembrance of Him.” After all...a statement such as this can easily be misperceived by the untrained as egotistical...it is not. It’s a request from the One who IS love for us to come to His unconditional love...to be reminded regularly of His unconditional love for us. When we look back at the Cross, as we are instructed to do...what are we to see? Unconditional love.

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

The Cross is a reminder of unconditional love. The Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles, in John, Chapter 15, Verse 13...

/JOH 15:13

*“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 all mankind 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’s Supper is a table of fellowship designed by God especially 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 our “so great” salvation...Hebrews, Chapter 2, Verses 2 and 3 say...

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/HEB 2:2-3

*For if (1) the word spoken through angels proved unalterable (and it did), and (if) every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty (and it did),//how will we (anyone) escape if we neglect so great a salvation?\*

No one will escape. “It is finished” asks Christians to remember all of the things that God has already done on our behalf...all the things that are credited to our accounts as favors...with no need to work for the favors, but to simply accept and to 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 believers in Christ accept God’s blessings as established and irrevocable facts. 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 at the Cross...

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

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’s unconditional love for us is an established and irrevocable fact. We celebrate today our acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ’s 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

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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. He loves us unconditionally.

### **/THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### **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

*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.



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### **/LORD'S SUPPER SONG**

*Give Thanks\*

Take a five-minute break.

### **/BREAK**

*When I Think About Home\*

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

What God does once is done once and for all time. Peace means the war between God and man is over...there is an armistice...a cessation of hostilities. As a believer in Christ, God has nothing against you. Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 2a tells us about our present...

**/ROM 5:2a**

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

In the sphere of grace, we believers have unlimited blessing. 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)*

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*hope (the confident and absolute 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 (which weigh us down), knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; //and perseverance (brings about) proven character; and proven character (brings about), hope (an absolute confidence because of our faith in God)...\*

/ROM 5:5

*...and (our) hope (which comes from our faith in God) 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 you 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 unbelievers. The indwelling Holy Spirit is our pledge that our eternal security, our safety, and our victory in this life is fully guaranteed.

In Romans, Chapter 5, 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. 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...because of sin), at the right time (the appointed 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 to the Lake of Fire and

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are totally unable to save themselves. Yet when we were ungodly, the Lord Jesus Christ gave His life to make our salvation a possibility. Luke, Chapter 5, Verses 31 and 32 say...

/LUK 5:31-32

*And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.//I have not come to call the righteous (ones) but (I have come to call) sinners (unbelievers) to repentance (a change of mind about Christ)."*\

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 (generous) man someone would dare even to (be brave enough) die.*\

Truly no man wants to die for anyone...yet the Lord Jesus Christ was willing to die for all mankind, good or bad. Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8...

/ROM 5:8

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

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 9...

/ROM 5:9

*Much more then, having now been justified by (means of) His (the Lord Jesus Christ's) blood, we (believers in Christ) shall be saved from the (coming) wrath of God through Him (the Lord Jesus Christ).*\

Church Age believers will not be part of the Tribulation nor will they go to the Lake of Fire. They are not condemned. Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 10...

/ROM 5:10

*For if (1) while we were enemies we were reconciled to God (the Father) through the death of His Son (the Lord Jesus Christ...and we were), much*

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*more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved (delivered) by (God through) His (resurrection) life (the eternal life...the Zoe Life).\*

An a fortiori argument...if the stronger is true...the lesser is true as well. If we were saved as God's enemies...we will be delivered as His friends.  
Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 11...

/ROM 5:11

*And not only this, but we also exult in God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.\*

God's reconciliation provides peace. Because He exists, we have peace.  
Thank you Jesus, our God.

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**/CLOSING SONG**

I Am\

**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!  
Thanks for watching!  
Thanks for listening!

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