

**ROMANS**  
**Lesson 5 – July 21, 2013**

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

Good Morning! Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 22 to 24 say...

/EPH 4:22

*...in reference to your former manner of life, you (believers in Christ) lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit... \*

/EPH 4:23

*...and that you be renewed (by God) in the spirit of your mind... \*

/EPH 4:24

*...and (that you) put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. \*

The Lord Jesus Christ has rescued us from our old identity...from our spiritual death at physical birth...from religion...from legalism...from the “good and bad” life...from the “right and wrong life” ... and He has given us God the Holy Spirit to guide us into all the truth. The Holy Spirit’s job is to use the Word of God to make us familiar with the New Self that was given to us at the moment of salvation.

<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

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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.

**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

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

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

His Eye is on the Sparrow\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW.

**/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 for us in spite of our shortcomings...and unique plan for our lives as well...

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.

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**/TODAY’S LESSON**

**Romans 1 – Paul’s Resume: A Persecutor of the Church\**

Let’s begin by taking the offering. Let’s welcome up Deacon Caleb Alburn.

**/THE OFFERING**

Deacon Caleb Alburn\

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/1PE 3:15b

*Always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you... \*

/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**

*No Other Name\*

**/TODAY’S LESSON**

**Romans 1 – Paul’s Resume: A Persecutor of the Church\**

There has probably always been skepticism about spiritual things. The perversions of religion and legalism and atheism put people on guard in spiritual matters.

Parents usually do a pretty bad job with their children in spiritual matters, shoving the bible down their kid’s throats with “you gottas.” Most parents are the human version of the Mosaic Law. “You gotta” go to church. “You gotta” pray. “You gotta” stay away from drugs and alcohol and sex. The affect of Mosaic Law parenting is the same as the affect of the Mosaic Law. Kids want to do everything you are telling them not to do.

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My attitude with my children toward biblical study was, “This is the most important part of our lives. I want you to learn it.” The learning was up to them. I didn’t closely supervise their biblical study. I taught them face-to-face every Sunday as my “monitoring system.” I sought to make bible study fun. I wanted them to want to study the bible every day. I talked to them about it. I sold its value. But I never punished them with it. It was never my intention to shove the bible down their throats.

So when we start studying the bible, you have a skepticism, such as in our study of Romans Chapter 1...here’s verse 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 (message) of God... \*

With healthy skepticism, a question like, “Who in the hell is Paul?” seems like the natural order of things.

**/Who is Paul?**

He has a Jewish name (Saul of Tarsus). He has a Roman name (Paul).

ACT 13:9a

*But Saul, who was also known as Paul... \*

He only uses his Jewish name in the book of Acts...

**/What is an apostle?\**

They are appointed by God...Luke, Chapter 6, Verses 13 to 16 say...

/LUK 6:13

*And when day came, He (the Lord Jesus Christ) called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles... \*

/LUK 6:14

*Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew... \*

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/LUK 6:15

*...and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot... \*

/LUK 6:16

*Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. \*

First Corinthians, Chapter 12, Verse 28 calls apostle “a spiritual gift...”...

/1CO 12:28

*And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, (and) various kinds of tongues. \*

Some of these spiritual gifts, of course, are extinct.

Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 11 and 12 call apostle “a spiritual gift...”

/EPH 4:11

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers... \*

/EPH 4:12

*...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ... \*

Romans, Chapter 16, Verse 7 says there were more apostles than just the Twelve...

/ROM 16:7

*Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in (union with) Christ before me (before I, Paul, was). \*

Apostles have seen the Lord personally, according to First Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verses 1 and 2...

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/1CO 9:1

*Am I (Paul) not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?\*

/1CO 9:2

*If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.\*

We are studying the resume of Paul, and one of his credentials is that he is a self-admitted PERSECUTOR OF THE CHURCH...take a five minute break and we'll learn more about him...

/BREAK

*When I Think About Home\*

Welcome back! Turn in your bibles to Acts, Chapter 21, Verse 39...Paul tells you more about his resume...

/ACT 21:39

*But Paul said, "I am a Jew of Tarsus in Cilicia (where he learned Greek), a citizen of no insignificant city; and I beg you, allow me to speak to the people." \*

/ACT 21:40

*When he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the stairs, motioned to the people with his hand; and when there was a great hush, he spoke to them in the Hebrew dialect (Aramaic), saying... \*

Paul is very well educated...look at Acts, Chapter 22...

/ACT 22:1

*"Brethren and fathers, hear my defense which I now offer to you." \*

/ACT 22:2

*And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew dialect (Aramaic), they became even more quiet; and he said... \*

Paul defends himself in three areas...before he became a Christian, how he became a Christian, and what he did after becoming a Christian.

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/ACT 22:3

*“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the (Mosaic) law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today.”\*

/ACT 22:4

*“I persecuted this Way (Christians) to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons...”\*

Self-admitted persecutor of the Church...

/ACT 22:5

*...as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there (out of our jurisdiction) to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.\*

/ACT 22:6

*“But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me...”\*

/ACT 22:7

*“...and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’”\*

/ACT 22:8

*“And I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.’”\*

/ACT 22:9

*“And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the (Righteous) One who was speaking to me.”\*

Paul was saying he saw the Lord.

/ACT 22:10

*“And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord (the Righteous One) said to me, ‘Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all*

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*that has been appointed for you to do.’ “\*

*/ACT 22:11*

*“But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus.”\*

*/ACT 22:12*

*“A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the (Mosaic) Law, and (a man who was) well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there (in Damascus)... ”\*

*/ACT 22:13*

*“...came to me, and standing near said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that very time I looked up at him.”\*

*/ACT 22:14*

*“And he said, ‘The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.’”\*

*/ACT 22:15*

*“‘For you will be a witness for Him (the Lord Jesus Christ...the Righteous One) to all men of what you have seen and heard.’”\*

*/ACT 22:16*

*‘Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’”\*

*/ACT 22:17*

*“It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance...”\*

*/ACT 22:18*

*“...and I saw Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) saying to me, ‘Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.’”\*

*/ACT 22:19*

*“And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another I used to imprison and beat those who believed in You.’”\*

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/ACT 22:20

*“And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the coats of those who were slaying him.”\*

/ACT 22:21

*“And He said to me, ‘Go! For I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”\*

/ACT 22:22

*They listened to him up to this statement, and then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he should not be allowed to live!”\*

/ACT 22:23

*And as they were crying out and throwing off their cloaks and tossing dust into the air...\*

/ACT 22:24

*...the commander ordered him (Saul) to be brought into the barracks, stating that he should be examined by scourging so that he might find out the reason why they were shouting against him that way.\*

/ACT 22:25

*But when they stretched him out with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, “Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman (citizen) and uncondemned?”\*

He held out his trump card credential for the right time...

/ACT 22:26

*When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and told him, saying, “What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman.”\*

/ACT 22:27

*The commander came and said to him, “Tell me, are you a Roman?” And he (Saul) said, “Yes.”\*

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/ACT 22:28

*The commander answered, “I acquired this citizenship with a large sum of money.” And Paul said, “But I was actually born a citizen.”\*

/ACT 22:29

*Therefore those who were about to examine him immediately let go of him; and the commander also was afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had put him in chains (unlawfully).\*

/ACT 22:30

*But on the next day, wishing to know for certain why he had been accused by the Jews, he released him and ordered the chief priests and all the Council to assemble, and brought Paul down and set him before them.\*

Turn to Philippians, Chapter 3, Verse 1...Paul gives his favorite Church his credentials...

/PHI 3:1

*Finally, my brethren (believers in Christ), rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again (in repetition) is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.\*

/PHI 3:2

*Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision (Jewish unbelievers)... \*

/PHI 3:3

*...for we (believers in Christ) are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in (union with) Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh (the Old Self)... \*

/PHI 3:4

*...although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh (the Old Self). If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I (should have confidence) far more (than them)... \*

/PHI 3:5

*...(I was) circumcised the eighth day, (I am) of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee... \*

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/PHI 3:6

*...as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the (Mosaic) Law, found blameless.\*

/PHI 3:7

*But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.\*

/PHI 3:8

*More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish (human excrement...skubala) so that I may gain Christ...\*

/PHI 3:9

*...and may be found in (union with) Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), not having a (self) righteousness of my own derived from (adherence to) the (Mosaic) Law, but that (absolute righteousness imputed) which is (given) through faith (alone) in Christ (alone for salvation), the (absolute) righteousness which comes from God (the Father) on the basis of faith (in Christ)...\*

/PHI 3:10

*...that I may know Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...\*

/PHI 3:11

*...in order that I may (also) attain to the (exit) resurrection from the dead (the Rapture).\*

/PHI 3:12

*Not that I have already obtained it (spiritual maturity) or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.\*

/PHI 3:13

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead...\*

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/PHI 3:14

*I press on (DIOKO) toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in (union with) Christ Jesus.\*

**/CLOSING SONG**

Your Word Takes Me\

**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.

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/Thanks for coming!  
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Thanks for listening!

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