

ROMANS
Lesson 9– August 4, 2013

**/Welcome To
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a Christian Church
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Good morning! Turn in your bibles to Ephesians, Chapter 3, Verses 14 to 19...

/EPH 3:14-16

*For this reason (because the grace of God was given to me to preach) I (Paul) bow my knees (in prayer) before (God) the Father, //from whom every family in heaven (angels) and on earth (humans) derives its name, //that He (God the Father) would grant you (personally), according to the riches of His glory (out of His glorious riches), to be strengthened with (living, enabling) power through (God) His (Holy) Spirit indwelling the inner man (innermost being) ... *

/EPH 3:17-19

*...so that Christ may dwell (and feel at home) in your hearts through (your) faith; and that you, being rooted (like a plant) and grounded (with a firm foundation) in (unconditional) love, //may be able to comprehend with all the saints (believers in Christ) what is the breadth (wide) and length (long) and height (high) and depth (deep nature of unconditional love), //and to know the (unconditional) love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up (pleroo) to all the fullness (pleroma) of God (the Father). *

This is one of the most beautiful prayers ever prayed. Here it is without all the parentheses...

/EPH 3:14-16

*Because the grace of God was given to me to preach, I, Paul bow my knees in prayer before God the Father, //by whom every family in heaven and on earth, both angels and humans, are named, //that God the Father would grant that you personally, out of His glorious riches, would be strengthened with His living and enabling power through God the Holy Spirit who is indwelling your innermost being... *

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/EPH 3:17-19

...so that Christ might feel at home in your hearts because of your faith; and that you, being rooted by God like a plant and grounded by God with His firm foundation, unconditional love, // may be able to comprehend, you and all the believers in Christ, how wide and long and high and deep is the nature of His unconditional love, // and to know for certain, through this unconditional love of Christ, which is way better than just biblical knowledge, that your deficiencies are completely covered by all the fullness of God the Father.

What is Paul praying on your behalf? He is praying that you, as a believer in Christ, recognize the importance of your union with Christ... you are “rooted,” firmly planted in Christ. He is praying that you are “grounded,” that as a believer in Christ you understand that the Word of God is your life’s foundation. He is praying that you understand that God does not only have your back... *how wide and long and high and deep* means God has your back, your front, your side, your top and your bottom... He has you completely surrounded... covered on all sides. He is praying that your knowledge go beyond just biblical knowledge... gnosis... academic knowledge to a full knowledge of God and to taking full advantage of His glorious riches.

Welcome to bible study.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Bible study is a time of RENEWING, a time to learn about all the divine assets at your disposal... Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 23 requests...

EPH 4:23

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

Thank you for coming to receive this renewing and thank you in advance for sharing this message with everyone you know.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

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Fear Not\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. If God has us covered, there is nothing to fear. The opening song is FEAR NOT.

/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 understand your glorious riches...help us to realize that You have already put in place everything that is necessary for our complete happiness...help us to rest in the fact that You will unfold everything to us in the proper time...and although we may be impatient...although we may lose confidence in our own abilities to get the results we want...help our faith, remind us to completely rely on You for the solutions that we can't achieve...because You are faithful to Your believers and You always deliver...keep us from being discouraged...

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 to help you develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Sovereign of the Universe, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is God. The Bible is His infallible Word...and His exact thinking...a book with no errors...with no contradictions...with no lies...the Bible is the truth. Welcome to the place where you can receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to deliver your souls.

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/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 - Are You Prepared for the Quiz?

This is the ninth lesson in our study of Romans, and I thought it would be a good idea to clean up some of the chronology of what we have learned so far, while simultaneously adding to your understanding of Paul’s resume. As we study the bible, everything doesn’t unfold neatly. Our learning bounces us around all over the place, and sometime everything jumbles together in such a way that it perverts our understanding of a very simple biblical subject.

So in the next three lessons I want us to summarize our learning thus far, as we have transitioned into an in depth study of Paul’s letter to the Romans. I also want to see how well prepared you are for the upcoming quiz, that will test your diligence in being an active learner rather than a passive one.

I think like an author. I like to approach biblical study from clear structure and simple messages, so it is a vexation to my spirit that biblical information does not come at us in a clear and linear fashion. However, I know God knows what He is doing, and I trust, more than anything, that He will give us all the information we need to have a thorough understanding of everything we learn, so that we can make use of it in our Christian walk...while under pressure...so we can do as Paul suggests in Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 1...

/EPH 4:1

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

We walk in a manner worthy of the call of God to which we have been called, a calling that comes through our union with Jesus Christ, when we strike a perfect balance between our commitment to the Lord and our commitment to the personal life things we must manage. We walk in a manner worthy when we put God on the throne of our lives and then use God and His Word as our “rooting” and our “grounding...” as our foundational friend and our foundational thought pattern.

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The bible is a chronicle of divine history, and when we study the bible we are studying divine history.

/RECOMMENDED READING

Lou Nicholes

The Bible in a Nutshell

An Introduction to Sixty-Six of the
Greatest Books Ever Written\

Divine history is divided into a series of time periods called dispensations... each dispensation has common attributes... each dispensation has unique attributes.

<DISPENSATIONS SLIDE>

For example, in every dispensation, there is only one way to get to heaven... in John, Chapter 14, beginning at Verse 2, the Lord Jesus Christ points out the way...

/JOH 14:2

“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places (mansions); if it were not so, I (the Lord Jesus Christ) would have told you; for I go (to My Father’s house) to prepare a place for you.”

/JOH 14:3

“If (I) I go and prepare a place for you (and I do), I (the Lord Jesus Christ) will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”

/JOH 14:4

“And you know the way where I (the Lord Jesus Christ) am going (I have been teaching you).”

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/JOH 14:5

Thomas said to Him, “Lord (indicating His knowledge that Jesus is God), we do not know where You are going, how (by what means) do we (come to) know the way?”

/JOH 14:6

Jesus said to him (Thomas), “I (the Lord Jesus Christ) am the way (to salvation), and I (the Lord Jesus Christ am) the truth (through the Word of God), and I (the Lord Jesus Christ am) the (Zoe) life (the resurrection life); no one comes to (God) the Father but through (believing in) Me.

In every dispensation there are unique attributes...Ephesians, Chapter 5, verse 18 says...

/EPH 5:18

And do not get drunk (being fully influenced) with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled (fully influenced by God) with (by means of) the (indwelling) Spirit...

Being “fully influenced by the indwelling Holy Spirit”...En Pneumati...is unique to the Church Age.

We are embarking on an in depth study of the bible, and it is my sincere hope that the depth of your study increases.

There are 66 books in the bible.

If you look within a physical copy of the bible, it has an index that delineates the name of each book.

<INDEX HANDOUT>

<OLD TESTAMENT (39) – THE CROSS- NEW TESTAMENT (27)
SLIDE>

There are 39 books in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the instruction set to believers in the Age of Israel.

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There are 27 books in the New Testament. The New Testament is the instruction set to believers in the Church Age, which is the present era of divine history.

Take a five minute break.

/BREAK

All Bow Down

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

<DISPENSATIONS SLIDE>

You are a Church Age believer...and the New Testament is His set of instructions to all of you... the New Testament gives you His instructions to the “new spiritual species” which God the Father created to eliminate the barrier to relationship between God and Man. Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 17 says...

/2CO 5:17

Therefore if (1) anyone is in (union with) Christ (and all believers in Christ are), he is a new creature (a new spiritual species); the (sovereignty of the) old (self) things (have) passed away (have lost their power); behold, new (spiritual species) things have come.

If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are in union with the Lord Jesus Christ, which means you have an unbreakable relationship with the Sovereign God of the Universe.

The incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, His thirty-three years on earth, leading to a death on a Cross and the resurrection from the dead, is the dividing line between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

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Anything from the Old Testament that is relevant to New Testament believers is repeated in the New Testament.

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The first four books of the New Testament detail what is called the INCARNATION of Christ, a thirty-three year period...a chronicle of His time on earth.

/JOH 1:14

And the Word (God the Son) became flesh (Jesus Christ), and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we saw (beheld) His glory, glory as of the only begotten (uniquely born One) from (God) the Father, full of grace and (full of) truth.

/FIRST FOUR BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Gospel of Matthew	Jesus Christ the King
Gospel of Mark	Jesus Christ the Servant
Gospel of Luke	Jesus Christ the Man in True Humanity
Gospel of John	Jesus Christ the Deity...the Lord\

/FIFTH BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts	The Formation of the Church\
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/SIXTH BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans	Salvation by Grace\
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We are studying the sixth book of the New Testament, the letter of Paul to the Romans. Here is a short overview of Romans, Chapter 1.

/PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

A Short Overview

Chapter 1 to Chapter 11
What Christians Believe

Chapter 12 to Chapter 16
How Christians Behave\

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Another helpful way to look at a letter of the New Testament comes from Pastor John Farley...

/PASTOR JOHN FARLEY OVERVIEW

Where does the letter start?

Where does the letter take you?

Where does the letter end?

I find this overview method very useful. Have you used this method as you read the first chapter of Romans or the entire letter of Paul to the Romans?

Here is a more detailed overview of Romans, Chapter 1...

/PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS <reveals>

A Detailed Overview

Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 32

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 by grace through faith

Verses 18 to 32

God's Wrath Against the Sin of Unbelief

When we begin a study of a letter, here's a helpful set of questions...

/ASSESSING THE INTRODUCTION OF A LETTER

Who is the author of the letter?

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What are the author’s credentials?

Who are the recipients of the letter?

Who, if anyone, is with the author as he writes?

What is the greeting?\

As we prepare to study a letter, a great exercise in learning is to create a quiz for yourself so you ensure that you really comprehend what is being communicated in the letter. For example, for the introduction of Paul’s letter to the Romans...Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7... here is the quiz our lessons are preparing you for...check your knowledge as we go over the questions.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7 <reveals>

Who wrote the New Testament letter to the Romans?

What is a bond-servant?

Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7 <reveals>

What three things make the Lord Jesus Christ unique among those who call themselves “gods?”

Who is Paul?

What does it mean to be a “called?”\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7 <reveals>

What is an apostle?

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What is the difference between an apostle and you?

What does it mean that the Lord Jesus Christ is “born a descendent of David according to the flesh?”\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7 <reveals>

What does it mean to be “set apart?”

What is a minister?

What does it mean to be beloved?\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7 <reveals>

What is a saint?

What is grace?

What is the significance of being at peace with God?\

A good teacher gives you the questions that will be on a test, and the answers to the test, then the test. After we complete our study of 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.

/CLOSING SONG

Shout to the Lord\

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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 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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