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Lesson 12– August 11, 2013

**/Welcome To
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Good morning! John, Chapter 6, Verse 63 says...

/JOH 6:63

“It is (God the Holy) the Spirit who gives (the Zoe) life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have spoken to you (in the past, which go on as relevant forever) are spirit(ual) and (they) are (the Zoe) life.”

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Welcome to bible study, a time of RENEWING, a time to let God the Holy Spirit teach you 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

When I Say I Love You\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is WHEN I SAY I LOVE YOU.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Help us to know the things that are part of Your personal plan for each of us, those things for which You called us and set us apart for privilege...

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.

/TODAY'S STUDY
Paul's Resume – Called and Set Apart

We are completing our quick study of the resume of Saul of Tarsus, also known as the apostle Paul. We have learned that Paul, in his early life, was one of God's and one of Christianity's most zealous enemies. After a bout with the Lord Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus (which is the capital of modern day Syria), Paul was handpicked by the Lord Jesus Christ to become the gospel's most zealous messenger. Paul traveled tirelessly throughout the ancient world on foot. In three missionary journeys, he traveled throughout the Roman Empire, planting churches, preaching the gospel message of salvation to the Gentiles, and giving strength and encouragement to first century Christians. Paul towers head and shoulders above others as one of the all-time greatest believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Here's what we have chosen to learn about Paul. Paul is...

/PAUL'S RESUME<reveal>

1. An Author
2. A Persecutor of the Church
3. A Bond-Servant of Christ
4. An Apostle by Spiritual Gift
5. The Least (of the Apostles...of the saints)\

/PAUL'S RESUME<reveal>

6. A "Called" One
7. Set Apart by God
8. A Minister of the Gospel of God
9. The Apostle to the Gentiles
10. The "Man in Between," a Standard for Imperfection\

/PAUL'S RESUME

1. An Author\

Paul is an author. Of the twenty-seven epistles in the New Testament, Paul is credited with authoring thirteen of them. Thus Paul wrote almost half of the epistles in terms of numbers, and one third of the New Testament in terms of chapters...he wrote 87 of the 260 chapters of the New Testament. Here are the opening verses of three of his letters...First Corinthians...

/1CO 1:1

*Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother... *

Notice that in this letter he is with someone as he writes...then Philippians...

/PHI 1:1

*Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in (union with) Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons... *

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Second Thessalonians...

/2TH 1:1

*Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ... *

Paul is credited with writing the following letters...

/PAUL'S LETTERS (chapters) <reveals>

Romans (16)
First Corinthians (16)
Second Corinthians (13)
Galatians (6)
Ephesians (6)\

/PAUL'S LETTERS (chapters) <reveals>

Philippians (4)
Colossians (4)
First Thessalonians (5)
Second Thessalonians (3)\

/PAUL'S LETTERS (chapters) <reveals>

First Timothy (6)
Second Timothy (4)
Titus (3)
Philemon (1)\

In terms of impact, Paul's writing is most definitely the foundation of the New Testament.

/PAUL'S RESUME

2. A Persecutor of the Church

Acts, Chapter 8, Verses 1 to 3
Acts, Chapter 9, Verses 1 to 31
Acts, Chapter 21, Verses 39 and 40

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Acts, Chapter 22, Verses 1 to 30\

/ACT 22:4

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

/PAUL’S RESUME

3. A Bond-Servant of Christ\

What is a bond-servant?

/BOND-SERVANT

The Greek word is *doulos*...a slave...a person who is bound to a master for life...one who freely serves...a person owned by another person...a person who serves another person permanently.\

Mark, Chapter 10, Verses 43 to 45...

/MAR 10:43

“...whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant...”

/MAR 10:44

“...and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave (doulos) of all.”

/MAR 10:45

“For even the Son of Man (the Lord Jesus Christ) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

/PAUL’S RESUME

4. An Apostle by Spiritual Gift\

/EPH 4:11

*And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers... *

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/EPH 4:12

*...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to (purpose of) the building up of the body of Christ... *

/EPH 4:13

*...until we (believers in Christ) all attain to (because of) the unity of the faith, and (because) of the knowledge of the Son of God, to (the standard of) a mature man, (and we attain) to the measure of the stature which belongs to (those with) the fullness of Christ. *

/PAUL'S RESUME

5. The Least (of the Apostles...of the saints)\

Paul was the least of the apostles. First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 9...

/1CO 15:9

*For I (Paul) am the least of the apostles, and (I am) not fit (qualified) to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. *

/1CO 15:10

*But by the grace of God I am (and always will be) what I am (by means of His grace), and His grace toward me did not prove vain (to be a bad decision); but I (Paul) labored even more than all of them (the other apostles), yet not I (in the energy of the flesh doing the labor), but the grace of God with(in) me (doing the work). *

Paul was the least of the saints. Ephesians, Chapter 3, Verse 8...

/EPH 3:8

*To me (Paul), the very least of all saints (believers in Christ), this grace was given (to me by God), to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ... *

/EPH 3:9

*...and to bring to light what is the administration (oikonomia...dispensation) of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in (THE) God (the Lord Jesus Christ) who created (the) all things (JOH 1:3)... *

Take a five-minute break.

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/BREAK

Awesome is the Lord Most High
When I Think About Home

Welcome back! Next on Paul’s resume...

/PAUL’S RESUME

6. A “Called” One\

“Called” is mentioned three times in the first seven verses of Romans, Chapter 1...in verse 1 “called” as an apostle...in verse 6, the “called of Jesus Christ”...in verse 7, “called” as saints...in all three instances it is the Greek word *kletos*...

What does it mean to be called?

/CALLED – kletos

A mode of being, ordained by God...a divine and sovereign invitation...a request to accept a grace gift...an appointment...to bring forth...to designate to a special office...to set apart by an action of God to some special sphere, or manner of being, or subsequent activity...to make someone a possession\

What is the significance of being a “called” one?

Paul’s calling was to be set apart by an action of God to the sphere of apostle to the Gentiles and Minister of the Gospel Message. You, too, are a “called” one...you believers in Christ are a possession of the Lord Jesus Christ...called as saints...John, Chapter 17, Verse 12...the Lord’s prayer to His Father...

/JOH 17:12

“While I (the Lord Jesus Christ) was with them (the apostles), I was keeping them in Your name (Your power) which You (God the Father) have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition (the son of destruction...Judas Iscariot), so that the Scripture (Psalm 41:9) would be fulfilled.”

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Turn in your bibles to Psalm, Chapter 41, Verse 9...

/PSA 41:9

Even my close friend (Judas Iscariot) in whom I (the Lord Jesus Christ) trusted, who ate my bread (at the Last Supper), has lifted up his heel against me.

...the Lord will not lose you believers. You are given a spiritual gift, just as Paul is, and with it you are to operate in a specific mode of being to contribute to the Royal family of God. God is requesting of you that you accept His grace gift and use it.

/PAUL'S RESUME

7. Set Apart by God\

Acts, Chapter 13, Verse 2 says...

/ACT 13:2

*While they (the five men in verse 1) were ministering to (on behalf of) the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." *

Barnabas and Saul (also known as Paul) were set apart and they were called from among the five men of verse one for the First Missionary Journey. What does it mean to be set apart?

/SET APART – *aphorizo*

To set off by a boundary...to limit...to exclude from other activities...to appoint...to separate...to sever ties...to take away...to be given a privilege to which we can be committed and dedicated.\

Galatians, Chapter 1, Verses 13 to 17...

/GAL 1:13

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*For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it... *

/GAL 1:14

*...and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. *

/GAL 1:15-16

*But when God (the Father), who had set me apart (aphorizo) even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased//to reveal His Son in(dwelling) me so that I might preach Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood (human beings)... *

/GAL 1:17

*...nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus. *

To be set apart implies that God the Father had a plan for Paul in eternity past, and God the Father separated Paul to this purpose, just as surely as God the Father has the same personal plan for your life. You, as believers in Christ are *aphorizo*...set apart for a purpose. Acts, Chapter 9, Verses 15 and 16 say...

/ACT 9:15-16

*But the Lord said to him (Ananias), "Go, for he (Paul) is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;//for I (the Lord Jesus Christ) will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake." *

You can put your name in that verse as well.

/PAUL'S RESUME

8. Minister of the Gospel of God\

What is a minister?

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/MINISTER

A subordinate officer who is the personal attendant of the master.\

Paul was a minister. His job was to spread the gospel message throughout the Roman Empire. Galatians, Chapter 1, Verse 11...

/GAL 1:11

For I (Paul) would have you know, brethren (believers in Christ in the Galatian region), that the gospel (message) which was preached by me is not according to man (it did not come from man).

/GAL 1:12

For I (Paul) neither received it (the gospel message) from man, nor was I taught it (the gospel message by a man), but I received it (the gospel message) through a (direct) revelation of Jesus (the) Christ (the Messiah).

/PAUL'S RESUME

9. The Apostle to the Gentiles\

/EPH 3:1

*For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — *

/EPH 3:2

...if (I) indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you (and you have)...

/EPH 3:3

...that by revelation there was made known to me (by God for your benefit) the mystery (doctrines of the Church Age), as I wrote before in brief.

/EPH 3:4

By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery (doctrine) of (the indwelling) Christ (the Messiah)...

/EPH 3:5

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...which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit (en Pneumati...to those with the indwelling Spirit)...

/EPH 3:6

...to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body (of Christ), and (the Gentiles are) fellow partakers of the promise in (union with) Christ Jesus through the gospel (message)...

/EPH 3:7

...of which (gospel message) I (Paul) was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His (enabling) power.

/PAUL'S RESUME

10. "The Man In Between," a Standard for Imperfection\

<BULLY CHART>

Here's Stuart Weber's explanation about "the man in between..."

/STUART WEBER

The Christian is "the man in between." With mind and heart committed to righteous principles, the Christian offers to shield others. When the Philistines occupied the south ridge of the valley of Elah, and the Israeli army the opposite ridge, each day the giant of Gath, Goliath, a bully, descended to the valley floor and taunted the champions of Israel.\

/STUART WEBER

Saul, the king of Israel, head and shoulders above his people, had no heart for being "the man in between" ... the position between the bully and Saul's Israeli army. But Jesse's kid, David, did have the heart. To David, it was a straightforward proposition. For the good of others, the giant had to be called to account. Packing his simple shepherd's equipment, a slingshot, David voluntarily stepped between his countrymen and those who would harm them. You know the story. The giant fell...the enemy fled.\

Paul is a testimony to God's grace. What is grace?

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/GRACE

A free gift given to all mankind by the Creator, expressed by His actions of extending mercy, loving-kindness, salvation, and divine assets to His Creatures... a dimension of divine thought in which God meets human indifference and rebellion with an inexhaustible capacity to forgive and to bless...a divine thought process that underlies God's entire viewpoint of unconditional love for His Creatures.\

God can change anyone. God the Father changed Paul. He gave Paul the strength, wisdom, and endurance to carry out the mission the Lord Jesus Christ entrusted Paul with. One of Paul's most famous statements, in Philippians, Chapter 4, Verse 13 is...

/PHI 4:13

"I can do all things through Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who strengthens me (with enabling power)."\

It reminds us that our power to live the Christian life comes from God, not ourselves.

/CLOSING SONG

I Know You're There\

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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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