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

Good morning! Second Thessalonians, Chapter 1, Verses 3 to 10 say...

## /2TH 1:3

We (Paul and Silvanus and Timothy) ought always to give thanks to God (the Father) for you, brethren (believers in Christ at Thessalonica), as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged is growing well), and the (unconditional) love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater...\

## /2TH 1:4

...therefore, we ourselves (Paul and Silvanus and Timothy) speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.\

## /2TH 1:5

This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered (walking in a manner) worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.\

#### /2TH 1:6

For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you...\

## /2TH 1:7

...and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus (Christ at His second coming) will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire...\

## /2TH 1:8

...dealing out retribution to those who do not know God (unbelievers) and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.\

## /2TH 1:9

These (unbelievers) will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power...\

## /2TH 1:10

...when He (the Lord Jesus Christ) comes to be glorified in (union with) His saints on that day, and to be marveled at (in His resurrection body) among all who have believed — for our testimony to you was believed (among you).\

We believers in Christ have quite a future to look forward to...on a daily basis and at our Lord's second coming!

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED? no verse...let the verse pop in on the next click>

Welcome to bible study, believers in Christ, for the refreshment of RENEWING. This is a place where you can learn about God's the Father's plan for you...which does not include for you believers a trip to the Lake of Fire...welcome also to unbelievers...who do not have to suffer the fate of the Lake of Fire, unless you want it. Colossians, Chapter 3, Verse 10 says to believers in Christ...

## /COL 3:10

...put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One (the Lord Jesus Christ) who created him (the new self)...\

God is the Holy Spirit is in charge of renewing the mind of believers, and He is in charge of convicting unbelievers concerning the opportunity to be saved. Welcome to a place where believers and unbelievers alike 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

Friend of a Wounded Heart\

As God prepares you believers in Christ for the RENEWING of your mind, let's listen to June Murphy worship our Lord in song...the opening song is FRIEND OF A WOUNDED HEART.

## **/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 the many established and irrevocable blessings that You have put in place for us as believers in Christ, so that we may be comforted, and exhorted, and edified by them...

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 knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...through the development of a deep, intimate and personal relationship with Him. The Lord Jesus Christ is God. The Bible is His infallible Word...a communication of His exact thoughts...a book with no errors...with no contradictions...with no lies...the Bible is the truth.

# /TODAY'S STUDY The Christian's Resume\

Turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 1...

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – New American Standard Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:1

Paul, a bond-servant (voluntary slave) of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle (by spiritual gift), set apart (by God the Father) for the (dissemination of the) gospel (message) of God (the Father as a minister)...\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction – New American Standard Translation Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:2

...which (gospel message) He (God the Father) promised beforehand (to the human race) through His prophets in the holy Scriptures (of the Old Testament)...\

#### /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – New American Standard Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## ROM 1:3

...(a gospel message) concerning His (God the Father's) Son (the Lord, 100% Deity), who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh (as 100% true humanity... Jesus Christ)...\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction – New American Standard Translation Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

### **ROM 1:4**

...who was declared the Son of God with (enabling) power by (means of) the resurrection from the dead, (who was resurrected) according to (the enabling power of the God who is) the Spirit of holiness (God the Holy Spirit)...(we are talking about this) Jesus Christ our Lord (the Son of God)...\

### /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – New American Standard Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:5

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

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – New American Standard Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:6

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

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – New American Standard Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## ROM 1:7

...(this letter is written) to all who are (the) beloved (divinely loved ones) of God (to the believers in Christ) in Rome, called as saints (believers in Christ...the set apart ones): Grace to you and peace from God our Father and (from) the Lord Jesus Christ.\

You have seen that translation a few times in the last few weeks...I thought it might be interesting for you to see the way these verses are translated by other translation committees...here is The Message Bible Translation...

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Message Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## ROM 1:1

I, Paul, am a devoted slave of Jesus Christ on assignment, authorized as an apostle to proclaim God's words and acts. I write this letter to all the Christians in Rome, God's friends.\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Message Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:2

The sacred writings (of the Old Testament) contain preliminary reports by the prophets...\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Message Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## **ROM 1:3**

...on God's Son. His descent from David roots Him in history...\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction – The Message Bible Translation Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## ROM 1:4

...his unique identity as Son of God was shown by the Spirit when Jesus was raised from the dead, setting him apart as the Messiah, our Master.\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Message Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:5

Through him we (Paul) received both the generous gift of his life and the urgent task of passing it on to others who receive it by entering into obedient trust in Jesus.

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Message Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:6

You are who you are through this gift and call of Jesus Christ!\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction – The Message Bible Translation Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## **ROM 1:7**

And I greet you now with all the generosity of God our Father and our Master Jesus, the Messiah.\

Here is The Living Bible Translation...

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Living Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### **ROM 1:1**

Dear friends in Rome: This letter is from Paul, Jesus Christ's slave, chosen to be a missionary, and sent out to preach God's Good News.\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Living Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## ROM 1:2

This Good News was promised long ago by God's prophets in the Old Testament.\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction – The Living Bible Translation Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## **ROM 1:3**

It is the Good News about his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came as a human baby, born into King David's royal family line...\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Living Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## ROM 1:4

...and by being raised from the dead he was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God himself.\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Living Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## ROM 1:5

And now, through Christ, all the kindness of God has been poured out upon us undeserving sinners; and now he is sending us out around the world to tell all people everywhere the great things God has done for them, so that they, too, will believe and obey him.\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Living Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:6

And you, dear friends in Rome, are among those he dearly loves; you, too, are invited by Jesus Christ to be God's very own-yes, his holy people.\

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*The Introduction – The Living Bible Translation* Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

## ROM 1:7

May all God's mercies and peace be yours from God our Father and from Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here is The Wuest Expanded New Testament Translation...a pretty reliable translation...

## /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction – The Wuest Expanded New Testament Translation Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:1-4

Paul, a bondslave by nature belonging to Christ Jesus, an ambassador by divine summons, permanently separated to God's good news which He

promised aforetime through the intermediate agency of His prophets in holy writings concerning His Son, who came from the ancestral line of David so far as His humanity is concerned, who was demonstrated in the sphere of power as Son of God so far as His divine essence was concerned by the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord...\

#### /PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction – The Wuest Expanded New Testament Translation Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

#### ROM 1:5-7

...through whom we received grace and apostleship in order that there may be obedience to the Faith among all the Gentiles in behalf of His name, among whom you also are the divinely summoned ones belonging to Jesus Christ, to all who are in Rome, God's loved ones, divinely summoned saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.\

Take a five-minute break.

## /BREAK

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise When I Think About Home\

Welcome back! We've been reviewing the resume of Saul of Tarsus, also known as Paul. He is from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a city and a region in modern day southern Turkey. Among other things, Paul was a Pharisee, a tent maker by profession, a Christian evangelist, a missionary, and an apostle who was a writer of Scripture. It is valuable for a Christian to know Paul's credentials, if for no other reason, so that you can always know that no matter how bad it gets for you, there is no way you will ever be as bad as Paul! And when you call to mind the greatness that our Lord Jesus Christ brought out from Paul, the least of all the saints, it should always give you a living hope concerning what God is able to do with a person like you who is not nearly as evil.

But it is not only helpful for us to review Paul's resume. It is also helpful for us to review our own resume as Christians...so let's close out our review of the first seven verses of Paul's letter to the Romans with a reminder of our own credentials! As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are...

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME Loved Unconditionally By God

#### **ROM 8:35**

Who will separate us (believers in Christ) from the (unconditional) love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?\

The answer? Absolutely nothing! Absolutely no one!

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME Priest

## 1PE 2:9

But you (Church Age believers in Christ) are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of (the) darkness (unbelief) into His marvelous light...\

As a royal priest you represent yourself before God with no intermediaries in between. You have BOLD ACCESS to God.

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME Ambassador

## 2CO 5:20

Therefore, we (believers in Christ) are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us (because He is); we beg you (unbelievers) on behalf of (the Lord Jesus) Christ, be reconciled to God.\

Like all ambassadors, as believers in Christ we represent God here on planet earth, Satan's Kingdom, a foreign kingdom...foreign to us because we are citizens of heaven.

# /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME Saint

#### EPH 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints (believers in Christ) who are at Ephesus and who are faithful (and who are) in (union with) Christ Jesus...\

All believers in Christ are saints with no miracle accomplishment necessary to earn your way in.

# /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME Owner Of Absolute Righteousness

## 2CO 5:21

He (God the Father) made Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who knew no sin (nature) to be (a) sin (substitute) on our behalf, so that we might become the (absolute) righteousness of God (+R) in (union with) Him.\

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME In Union With Christ

#### **ROM 8:1**

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in (union with) Christ Jesus (a reference to all believers in Christ).\

# /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Indwelled By the Trinity - God the Father

## PHI 2:13

...for it is God (the Father) who is at work in(dwelling) you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.\

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Indwelled By the Trinity - God the Son

## ROM 8:10

If (1) Christ is in(dwelling) you (and He is), though the (physical) body (the flesh) is dead because of (an indwelling) sin (nature), yet the (human) spirit is alive because of (absolute) righteousness (imputed...+R).

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Indwelled By the Trinity - God the Holy Spirit

## ROM 8:11

But if (1) the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you (and it does), He (God the Father) who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give (the Zoe) life to your mortal bodies through His (God the Holy) Spirit who dwells in you.\

What a guarantee!

# /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

**Eternally Secure** 

## JOH 10:28

...and I (the Lord Jesus Christ) give eternal life to them (believers in Christ), and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.\

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

**Eternally Secure** 

## ROM 8:38-39

For I (Paul) am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,//nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is (a result of being) in (union with) Christ Jesus our Lord.\

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Direct Access To Divine Omnipotence

#### PHI 4:13

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

#### /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Filled to All the Fullness of God

## EPH 3:14 and EPH 3:19

For this reason I (Paul) bow my knees before the Father (in prayer)...//(so that you may) know the (unconditional) love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God (the Father).

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Mentored and Taught by God the Holy Spirit (EN PNEUMATI)

#### **ROM 8:9**

However, you (believers in Christ) are not in the flesh but in the Spirit (en Pneumati), if (1) indeed the Spirit of God (in)dwells in you (and it does). But if (3) anyone does not have the (indwelling) Spirit of Christ (you have a choice), he (that person) does not belong to Him (Christ...is not a believer).

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Delivered From the Kingdom of Darkness

## COL 1:13-14

For He (God the Father) rescued us (believers in Christ) from the domain of darkness, and transferred us (forever) to the kingdom of His beloved Son (the Lord Jesus Christ),//in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.\

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Blessed With Every Spiritual Blessing

## **EPH 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us (believers in Christ) with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in (union with) Christ...\

## /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME

Holy And Blameless

## COL 1:21-22

And although you (believers in Christ) were formerly alienated and hostile in mind (as unbelievers), engaged in evil deeds,//yet He (the Lord Jesus Christ) has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him (God the Father, as) holy and blameless and beyond reproach...\

# /THE CHRISTIAN'S RESUME Justified

## ROM 3:23-25

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,//being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in (union with) Christ Jesus;//whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation (the ONLY perfectly satisfactory sacrifice) in His blood (to you) through (your) faith.\

Your absolute righteousness was announced publically throughout the heavenlies...by our great God. As believers in Christ, we have no reason to envy Paul. We have quite a resume of our own.

## /CLOSING SONG

How Great Thou Art\

## **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...\

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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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