

ROMANS
Lesson 15– August 18, 2013

**/Welcome To
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a Christian Church
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Good morning! Galatians, Chapter 2, Verse 20 says...

/GAL 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

/GAL 2:20 a different look

My “I life” was crucified with the Lord Jesus Christ”

And it is no longer the “I life” that lives

It is the Christ life that lives indwelling me

/GAL 2:20 a different look

And the Christ Life (the Zoe Life) I now live in the flesh (in my body)

I live by faith alone in the Son of God alone (in total dependence on Him)

...the One who loves me unconditionally...

...and who gave Himself up for me.

The Christian is not interested in living the self-focused life. We were created by God to live the resurrection life, the Zoe Life, the Christ focused life...a unique life that the unbeliever cannot duplicate. And when we live the Zoe Life, we are “walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called.” In other words, Christians have a calling to live a lifestyle that makes others stand up and take notice.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

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Welcome to bible study, a time of RENEWING, a time to let God the Holy Spirit teach you about the worthy lifestyle...the Zoe Life...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 for sharing the message concerning the value of a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word with everyone you know.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

Because He Lives\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is BECAUSE HE LIVES.

/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 the connection in the introduction of Paul's letter to the Roman...help us to take advantage of its wisdom...

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 exact thinking...the absolute truth. Welcome to the place where you can receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to deliver your souls.

/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1

The Introduction to the Letter: Final Quiz

We’re studying Romans, Chapter 1, and we have completed the introduction in the first seven verses. The letter to the Romans is the sixth book of the New Testament. Paul stands alone in writing this letter. It is Paul’s ministry to reveal the character, the calling and the destiny of Church Age Believers, whom the bible identifies the body of Christ.

/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

*...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)... *

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/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. *

/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)... *

/EPH 3:10

*...so that the manifold wisdom of God (the Father) might now be made known through the church (age believer) to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. *

I never get tired of this passage and the passion of purpose that it reveals through one of the most purposeful and passionate people in divine history, the apostle Paul. Our focus in the introduction to the letter to the Romans was the resume of Paul, and we pointed out that Paul's life is an encouragement to us...not that we would ever want to compare lives with anyone...but Paul's life points out to us that if the Lord can make something of Paul, he can make something of us. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of all things is able to BARAH...He can make something out of us nothings. Paul point this out in First Timothy, Chapter 1, Verse 12...one of the Pastoral Epistles...turn there please...Paul is grateful to God for His wondrous patience with Paul's misdirected passion...

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/1TI 1:12

*I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me (with enabling power), because He considered me faithful, putting me into (His) service... *

/1TI 1:13

*...even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor (of the Church) and a violent aggressor (against Christians). Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief... *

/1TI 1:14

*...and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and (unconditional) love which are found in (union with) Christ Jesus. *

/1TI 1:15

*It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that (the Lord) Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. *

/1TI 1:16

*Yet for this reason I (Paul) found mercy, so that in me as the foremost (sinner), (the Lord) Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. *

The introduction of the letter to the Romans introduces us to a man who is worthy of study and worthy of praise and worthy of our gratitude for making at least three things clear to us...that God does not need perfection from the imperfect, that each of us believers in Christ have a calling, and that God will keep on perfecting us in the matter of our calling.

Here are the first seven verses without all the parenthesis... instead with a flow from word to word that makes clear what we have learned so far...

/PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

ROM 1:1

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*This letter is written by me, Paul, a bond-servant and voluntary slave of Christ Jesus, by calling an apostle, and 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

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

ROM 1:2

*...and this is the gospel message that 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

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

ROM 1:3

*...a gospel message concerning God the Father's Son, the Lord, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh as true humanity, whose name is Jesus Christ... *

/PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

ROM 1:4

*...and Jesus Christ was declared the Son of God with enabling power by means of His resurrection from the dead, accomplished through 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, God the Son... *

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ROM 1:5

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*...through whom I, Paul, have received from God the Father both grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ's Person... *

/PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

ROM 1:6

*...among whom you, as believers in Christ, also are the possession of Jesus Christ by calling... *

/PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Introduction

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

ROM 1:7

*...and this letter is written to all of you who are the beloved...the divinely loved ones of God the Father...you believers in Christ living in Rome, saints by calling, the set apart ones: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

Everytime

*When I Think About Home *

Welcome back!

So here's your final exam...the quiz on the introduction. By now you should know the answers or know where to look to get them.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

**Who wrote the New Testament letter to the Romans? **

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The apostle Paul wrote the New Testament letter to the Romans and he also wrote thirteen of the twenty-seven letters of the New Testament.

PAUL’S LETTERS (chapters)

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

/PAUL’S LETTERS (chapters)

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

/PAUL’S LETTERS (chapters)

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.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What is a bond-servant?

/BOND-SERVANT

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

/QUIZ

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Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

He is the uniquely born one...the Sovereign of the Universe...the Creator of all things\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

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

He is the most unique person in divine history...100% God and 100% True Humanity in one person forever\

/PHI 2:5-6

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, //who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God (the Father) a thing to be grasped (seized and held) ...

/PHI 2:7

...but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men ...

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

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

The Cross\

/PHI 2:8

Being found in appearance as a man (true humanity), He (the Lord Jesus Christ) humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

/QUIZ

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Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

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

Resurrection from the Dead\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

Who is Paul?

/PAUL’S RESUME

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 and of the saints)\

/PAUL’S RESUME

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\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What does it mean to be a “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\

/QUIZ

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Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What is an apostle?

/APOSTLE

They are appointed ONLY by God...a person who has seen the Lord Jesus Christ in His resurrection body...apostles have seen the Lord face-to-face...apostles have talked to the Lord, with the Lord talking back to them.\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What is the difference between an apostle and you?

Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 7 highlights the difference...

/2CO 5:7

*...for we (believers in Christ) walk by faith, not by sight — *

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

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

It means the Lord was born as true humanity. John, Chapter 1, Verse 14 says...

/JOH 1:14

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

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What does it mean to be “set apart?”

/SET APART – *aphorizo*

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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.\

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, severing his ties to other things, just as surely as God the Father has the same personal plan for your life. You, as believers in Christ are *aphorizo*...set apart.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What is a minister?

/MINISTER

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

Paul was a minister, a subordinate officer of the Lord Jesus Christ, and his job was to personally attend to spreading the gospel message throughout the Roman Empire.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What does it mean to be beloved?

It means you are a divinely loved one.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What is a saint?

/SAINT

A believer in the Lord Jesus Christ\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

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.\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7

What is the significance of being at peace with God?

What God does once is finished for all time. Peace means the war between God and man is over because of the Lord Jesus Christ's propitiatory sacrifice at the Cross...there is an armistice...a cessation of hostilities. As a believer in Christ, God has nothing against you.

/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, at this moment) have peace with God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ... *

End of introduction!

/CLOSING SONG

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In the Beginning\

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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