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Lesson 16– August 18, 2013

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

Good morning! Ephesians, Chapter 3, Verses 14 to 21 say...

/EPH 3:14-15

*For this reason (because Jews and Gentiles in the Church Age are a new spiritual species) I (Paul) bow my knees (in prayer) before (God) the Father, //from whom every family in heaven (the angels) and (every family) on earth (humans) derives its name... *

/EPH 3:16

*...that He (God the Father) would grant you (believers in Christ), according to (His glorious) riches, to be strengthened (and able to overcome resistance) with (enabling) power through His Spirit (God the Holy Spirit), (strengthened) in the inner man (the innermost being)... *

/EPH 3:17

*...so that (the Lord Jesus) Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted (in Christ) and grounded (in the Word of God) in (the sphere of unconditional) love... *

/EPH 3:18

*...may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth (how wide) and (the) length (how long) and (the) height (how high) and (the) depth (how deep...the unconditional love of Christ goes)... *

/EPH 3:19

*...and to know (ginosko...through experience) the (unconditional) love of Christ which surpasses (academic) knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. *

/EPH 3:20

*Now to Him (God the Father) who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the (enabling) power that works within us... *

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/EPH 3:21

...to Him (God the Father) be the glory in the church and in (union with) Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you have an enabling power inside of you that is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that you may ask or think. That means that you have a power in you that can do anything. Philippians, Chapter 4, Verse 13 says...

/PHI 4:13

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

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

Welcome to bible study. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is conducting and inward transformation in our innermost being day by day. 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 (in the new self to be just like Christ)...

God the Holy Spirit is in charge of renewing the mind of believers by leading us into all the truth. Welcome to a place where you believers 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

Praise You in The Storm\

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 PRAISE YOU IN THE STORM.

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/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 power of faith in you and the power of prayer to intervene in human circumstances...

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. I have the same responsibility that was given to the apostle Paul...outlined in Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 25 to 29...

/COL 1:25

Of this church (age) I (Pastor Rory Clark) was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit (for the members of Barah Ministries), so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God...

/COL 1:26

...that is, the (preaching about the) mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested (made clearly visible...revealed to all, especially) to His (the Lord Jesus Christ's) saints (His believers in Christ in the Church Age)...

/COL 1:27

...to whom God (the Father) willed to make known what is the (glorious and blazing splendor of the) riches of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is

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Christ in(dwelling) you, the hope (the absolute confidence) of (your future) glory (a resurrection body to match your resurrection life).

/COL 1:28

We (Paul and Timothy and Pastor Rory) proclaim Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), admonishing (counseling and warning) every man and teaching every man with all (biblical) wisdom, so that we may present every man complete (as mature believers who are) in (union with) Christ.

/COL 1:29

For this purpose also I (Pastor Rory Clark) labor (work like a dog), striving (agonizing like an athlete) according to His (enabling) power, which mightily works within me.

I am a minister, preaching the Word of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted me with the building up of His household...with the building up of His children...that is, the building up of you believers in Christ...who have been adopted Roman style as His adult sons...you who are His “divinely loved ones”...grace and peace to you from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, and from God the Holy Spirit who is leading us into all the truth.

The Lord Jesus Christ is God. The Bible is His exact thinking and it the Bible is the absolute truth.

/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans 1 – The Purpose of Paul’s Ministry

Turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 8...we now embark on the second part of Romans, Chapter 1...here’s a quick reminder of the structure of Romans, Chapter 1...we are studying the first chapter of Paul’s letter to the Romans in four parts...

/PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Chapter 1 (32 Verses)

Verses 1 to 7

Introduction

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Verses 8 to 15

Prayer for the Purpose of Paul's Ministry

Verses 16 to 17

The Gospel is the Means of Salvation, by Grace Through Faith In Christ

Verses 18 to 32

God's Wrath Against the Sin of Unbelief\

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15 is the next focus of our study of Chapter 1...let's read it together...

<READ ROMANS, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 8 to 15>

Now let's see what meaning we can glean from this passage...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 8...

/ROM 1:8

First, I thank my God (the Father in prayer) through Jesus Christ('s name) for you all (believers in Rome), because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world (all over the Roman Empire).

The Roman Empire in the first century was called SPQR...the initials of a Latin expression referring to the government of the ancient Roman Republic, and used as an official emblem of the modern day municipality of Rome.

/SPQR

Senatus Populusque Romanus\

SPQR stood for Senatus Populusque Romanus...it was ruled by a triumvirate, a political regime run by three powerful individuals...the first century Roman Empire was a holy nation to God, and as such it sponsored and conducted (or at the very least made possible), missionary activity throughout the Roman provinces...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 9...

/ROM 1:9

For God (the Father), whom I (Paul) serve in my (human) spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), is my witness as

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*to how unceasingly I make mention of you (believers in Rome...in intercessory prayer)... *

/ROM 1:10

*...always in my prayers making request (petition for self as well), if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you. *

Paul had a heartfelt desire to preach in Rome, but up to that point had not been able to do it. Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 11...

/ROM 1:11

*For I (Paul) long to see you (believers in Rome) so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established... *

Paul infers two things here...that he might use his own spiritual gift...the gift of apostle...for their benefit and have it bear fruit for Christ...but also that he might benefit from their fruit as they are growing...that he might be edified by them and their fruit...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 12...

/ROM 1:12

*...that is, that I (Paul) may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us (encouraged) by the other's faith, both yours and mine. *

That is why we come together to “church”... that we might be edified by each other's faith...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 13...

/ROM 1:13

*I do not want you to be unaware, brethren (believers in Rome), that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far...I want to come) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as (I obtain fruit) among the rest of the Gentiles. *

/ROM 1:14

*I am under obligation both to Greeks (people who speak Greek) and to barbarians (people who don't speak Greek), both to the wise (believers in Christ) and to the foolish (unbelievers). *

The Latin word for barbarians is “barbaros” ... it was a word used to describe people who don't speak Greek...“foreigners”...they are called

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barbarians because to native Greek speakers it sounds like they are saying “bar bar bar bar” when they talk...they thought foreign tongues sounded harsh (and if they were talking about Hebrew in comparison to Greek they were right because Hebrew is a guttural language)... Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 15...

/ROM 1:15

So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel (as a minister) to you also who are in Rome.

This is the passage that will be the focus of our next several lessons. Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

He is Able

When I Think About Home

Welcome back! We continue our look at Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15...the prayer for purpose...Paul’s ministry...remember...Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles...Galatians, Chapter 2, Verse 7 says...

/GAL 2:7

But on the contrary, seeing that I (Paul) had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised (the Gentiles), just as Peter had been (entrusted with the gospel) to the circumcised (the Jewish race)...

Paul is Jewish...he is a religious Jew by upbringing...he is a member of the ONLY religion sponsored by God...Judaism...and Judaism is a religion, like all religions, that pointlessly inspires the performance of duties to impress God and to seek God’s approval. The Lord Jesus Christ’s work at the Cross was the death of all religions. The only way to please God is through identification with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ and with His work at the Cross.

If we look at the passage, Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15...what are some of the topics that it addresses? As I mentioned to you with the introduction verses, Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7, what I like doing is isolating a passage, investigating the topics the passage addresses, and then making a quiz of the topics to ensure that I know what the writer is

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communicating in the passage. Let's read Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15 once more with an eye for the topics the passage discusses...

<READ ROMANS, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 8 to 15>

Here is the quiz I created as a result of this passage. Consider it that as a good teacher I am giving you the questions that are going to be on the test before I give you the test...

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith?\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is prayer?\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What does Paul mean when he says “that you may be established” in verse eleven?\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What does Paul mean when he says he is “under obligation to the wise and to the foolish” in verse fourteen?\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is “the gospel” that Paul is speaking of in verse fifteen?\

Let's look at the passage again in light of the quiz.

<READ ROMANS, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 8 to 15>

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In the next several lessons we will investigate the answers to these questions and we will use the answers to fuel our spiritual lives. Let's begin with an overview of these five topics.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith?\

What is faith? The bible has quite a bit to say about faith. Turn in your bibles to Matthew, Chapter 13, Verses 31 and 32...

/MAT 13:31

He (the Lord Jesus Christ) presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field..."\

/MAT 13:32

"...and this (mustard seed) is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the (other) garden plants and (it) becomes a tree (12-15 feet tall in one season), so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES."\

How much faith do we need in this life? Not much! Turn in your bibles to Matthew, Chapter 17, Verse 14...

/MAT 17:14

When they (Jesus and his inner circle, Peter, James and John) came to the crowd, a man came up to (the Lord) Jesus (Christ), falling on his knees before Him and saying...\

/MAT 17:15

"Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic (a person with epilepsy) and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often (falls) into the water (with seizures...MAR 9:18)."\

/MAT 17:16

"I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him."\

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/MAT 17:17

And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.”

/MAT 17:18

And Jesus rebuked him (the demon), and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once.

/MAT 17:19

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it (the demon) out?”

/MAT 17:20

And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if (3) you have faith the size of a mustard seed (maybe you will and maybe you won’t, you have a choice), you will say to this mountain (any obstacle), ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.”

What is your faith like in times of pressure? Do you stand tall or do you faint in your soul? Turn to Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 7...another treatise on faith...

/2 CO 5:7

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

Empiricism and rationalism is not the Christian Way of Life...Peter points this out when comparing his witnessing of the transfiguration to his study of the Word of God...

/2PE 1:19

So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

Turn to Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 17...

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/ROM 1:17

For in it (the gospel of Christ) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Another subject in Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15 is prayer...

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is prayer?\

...look at Matthew, Chapter 7, Verse 7...

/MAT 7:7

“Ask (in prayer), and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

/MAT 7:8

“For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

/MAT 7:9

“Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?”

/MAT 7:10

“Or if he asks for a fish, he (the man) will not give him (his son) a snake, will he?”

/MAT 7:11

“If (I) you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children (and you do), how much more will your (God the) Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”

God the Father gave His Son...case closed! We'll continue our overview of subject matter from Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15 in our next lesson.

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/CLOSING SONG

Sweet Nothings\

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...\

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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