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Lesson 17 – August 18, 2013

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

Good Morning! Acts, Chapter 9, Verses 19 and 20 say...

/ACT 9:19-20

*Now for several days he (Paul) was with the disciples (followers of the Lord Jesus Christ) who were at Damascus, //and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He (Jesus) is the Son of God.” *

First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verses 3 to 8 say...

/1CO 15:3

*For I (Paul) delivered to you (believers in Christ at Corinth) as of first importance what I also received (from God), (the good news) that (the Lord Jesus) Christ died for our sins according to the (Old Testament) Scriptures... *

/1CO 15:4-5

*...and that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) was buried, and that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) was raised (in resurrection from the dead) on the third day according to the (Old Testament) Scriptures (Isaiah 52:13... Isaiah 53:10) //and that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) appeared to Cephas (Simon Peter...the one who denied Him), then to the twelve. *

Look at the Lord’s compassion for Peter, the one who denied Him!

/1CO 15:6-8

*After that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) appeared to more than five hundred brethren (believers in Christ) at one time, most of whom remain (alive) until now (at this writing), but some have fallen asleep (died physically); //then He (the Lord Jesus Christ) appeared to James, then to all the apostles; //and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me (Paul) also. *

The Lord Jesus Christ considers it important that we learn about Him through experience and not only through hearing about Him. We come to

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bible study to hear...He expects us to leave after the hearing and to live what we have heard.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

We come to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING our thoughts... we come to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God so we can bear fruit through action, living the Word of God daily. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

...(keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind...

During bible study, God the Holy Spirit prepares you to “in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to save your souls.” Thank you for expressing your will with your presence...thanks for being here to get another dose of truth courtesy of the members of the Godhead, the Ones who love you unconditionally...thank you for living the Word of God when you leave.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...AMAZING GRACE, MY CHAINS ARE GONE.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

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Help us to understand the power of prayer as the way you solve problems for us...

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 of authority given to me by God for the purpose of equipping you believers in Christ for the work of service. Paul highlights the Pastor's authority in Second Corinthians, Chapter 10, Verse 8 says...

/2CO 10:8

*For even if I (Paul) boast somewhat further about our authority, which the Lord gave (me) for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be put to shame... *

Our job as Pastors is to equip your mentality for service to the Lord Jesus Christ by building you up. We must avoid teaching things that tear you down. Second Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 10 says...

/2CO 13:10

*For this reason I (Paul) am writing these things while absent (from you), so that when (I am) present I need not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me for building (you) up and not for tearing (you) down. *

Pastors who consistently teach things that tear you down are not worthy of a pulpit. As you know, this year I have taken on my teachers in the matter of what I consider to be heretical teaching. I have been admonished and rebuked by other students of these "human deities" as being too hard on them...I have been demeaned by being accused of not being smart enough to critique them. Like a "dutiful lackey" who is not worthy to be held in esteem as a Pastor because I have not been in a pulpit for 30 to 50 years, I

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backed off. But secretly I seethed inside because while I love these men, I also feel that they are, just as much as I am, accountable for what we teach. That word... Pastor...that word...Teacher...stands for something. Paul highlights it in the verses we just looked at... Second Corinthians, Chapter 10, Verse 8 and Second Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 10. As Pastors, we equip you when we are building you up. We are not equipping you when we teach anything that tears you down. And the more I compare the doctrines of Systematic Theology to the Word of God, the more I am convinced that you cannot, as a believer in Christ, teach heresy for 30 to 50 years without knowing on some level that it is heresy. You cannot teach heresy for 30 to 50 years without the heresy being pointed out to you, at the very least, in the form of student questions.

I am OBLIGATED to say these things, especially to those of you who have also studied with these teachers. I reflect on my relationship with my Mom, which was phenomenal. I loved her as much, or more, than I have loved anyone in this life...yet I had to admit at a point in my life that many things she taught were flat out wrong. And I had to admit that the things that she taught that were wrong hurt me. Those of you who are students of my teachers have to admit the same thing. If you don't you are in denial, and that is almost worse than being taught the false things.

As far as I am concerned, when a Pastor teaches absolutely false doctrines like this...

/FALSE DOCTRINES <reveals>

There is no spiritual life without rebound

As a believer in Christ you can lose your fellowship with God

As a believer in Christ you can lose the filling of the Spirit\

/FALSE DOCTRINES <reveals>

Prayer is not a problem-solving device

If you don't confess your sins before praying, your prayers don't get above the ceiling

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Consider yourself flunked if you can't maintain your concentration during the Lord's Supper\

/FALSE DOCTRINES <reveals>

You can move backward in the Plan of God (reversionism)

You can get out of the Plan of God once you are in it

There is right man for every right woman\

These are all lies...

As I continue to uncover the beauty of the Word of God in the New Testament, and as I reflect simultaneously on the teachings that emanated from the pulpit of the teachers I studied with...I have come to consider many of their teachings to be as vile, as vulgar, and as deceptive as anything that the kingdom of darkness has to offer. And those things that are vile do not edify you...they tear you down...and they are, as I see it, direct attacks on the character and nature of our God, the Lord Jesus Christ...they are direct attacks on the Work of our Lord at the Cross. And to quote one of these teachers, a right thing (teaching the Word of God) done a wrong way (through heresy) is wrong. Period.

For example...turn in your bibles to Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 18...you know this verse...

/EPH 5:18

*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit... *

Another way to translate this verse is...

/EPH 5:18

*And do not let yourselves be made drunk (being fully influenced) with wine, for that is dissipation (foolishness), but let yourselves be fully influenced by God in the Spirit (En Pneumati)... *

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Both verbs are passive voice and imperative mood in Greek...I don't know how I missed that...the passive voice means that these are things being done to you...yet we were taught that we can do something to lose the filling of the Spirit...the passive voice says clearly that "being filled" is something that is done to us...not something we do. I may have missed this by not checking, but there is no way that my teachers didn't see this. Yet they taught something else. The doctrine of rebound, which says you can lose the filling of the Spirit when you sin, and you have to confess your sins to be restored to fellowship, is heresy...it is a vile lie...and there is no way that these men didn't know it. I am not going to stay silent on that matter. Sorry...I can't.

So God's grace to you and peace from the SOURCE of all blessing, God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ who is the reflected glory of the Godhead. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to open themselves to an intense and personal and passionate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ based on accurate teaching concerning the Lord's Person and His Work. The Lord Jesus Christ is God. The Bible is His exact thinking...the Bible is the absolute truth.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans, Chapter 1 – Paul's Prayer in Verses 8 to 15

Let's begin this lesson by taking the offering. Let's welcome up Deacon Caleb Alburn.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Caleb Alburn\

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/JAM 1:19

...everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.

/PRO 18:13

He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him.

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/LUK 6:40

A pupil is not above his teacher, but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

/1PE 4:10

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

/Remember to give with the motivation suggested in Scripture

2CO 9:7

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (grace oriented) giver.

/OFFERING SONG

Sea of Faces

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans, Chapter 1 – Paul's Prayer in Verses 8 to 15

Turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 8...we now embark on the second part of Romans, Chapter 1...a look at Paul's prayer of purpose for his ministry...

<READ ROMANS CHAPTER 1, VERSES 8 to 15>

We are investigating the subject matter for this prayer and in the last lesson we looked at a quiz question...

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith?\

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In this lesson we investigate an overview of another quiz question...

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is prayer?\

Turn in your bibles to Matthew, Chapter 21, Verse 22...

/MAT 21:22

“And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Now...would you make the conclusion after reading this verse that prayer is not a problem-solving device? We Christians go to God with our problems. Prayer is the way we communicate with God and we go to Him and we ask Him to do things for us that we cannot do for ourselves. We are having “surgery-fest” here in Barah Ministries. I go to the Father and ask Him to do things for our congregation members that I cannot do...I ask Him to solve the health problems of my congregation members by supernatural means. How could we ever conclude that prayer is not to solve problems? It absolutely is...we are asking God to solve our problems...and He does...ALL of them... Matthew, Chapter 21, Verse 22...

/MAT 21:22

“And ALL things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

If God isn't solving our problems with prayer, who is solving our problems...us? If God isn't solving the salvation problem of unbelievers when they pray for salvation, who is solving these problems? It is absolutely absurd to believe that prayer is the exclusive providence of believers in Christ, and that the prayers of unbelievers are not heard by God as Systematic Theology and its heretical proponents propose. God the Father sent His Son to the Cross to die, to provide the possibility of salvation for ALL of His creatures, and we're to believe that He then He only listens to the prayers of some of his creatures? That is preposterous. Look at Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 26 and 27...

/ROM 8:26

In the same way (God) the (Holy) Spirit also helps our weakness (when we are praying); for we (believers in Christ) do not know how to pray as we

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*should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words... *

/ROM 8:27

*...and He (God the Father) who searches the hearts knows what the mind of (God) the (Holy) Spirit is, because He (God the Holy Spirit) intercedes for the saints (believers in Christ) according to the will of God. *

God thinks so much of us, that He allows God the Holy Spirit to assist us with our prayers. Look at Hebrews, Chapter 4, Verse 16...

/HEB 4:16

*Therefore let us (believers in Christ) draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *

Look at Hebrews, Chapter 7, Verse 25...

/HEB 7:25

*Therefore He (the Lord Jesus Christ) is able also to save forever those who draw near to God (the Father) through (believing in) Him, since He (the Lord Jesus Christ) always lives to make intercession for them (those who draw near). *

There's lot to learn about faith...and a lot to learn about prayer...and a lot to learn about our status as spiritual royalty. Stay tuned...we'll see you face-to-face in two weeks.

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/CLOSING SONG

We are Royalty \

CLOSING VERSES

/JER 29:11

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

/1PE 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, // casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

/JUD 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, // to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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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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