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Lesson 21– September 8, 2013

**/Welcome To
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Good morning! John, Chapter 6, Verses 27 to 29 say...

/JOH 6:27

“Do not work for the (physical) food which perishes, but for the (eternal) food (the Word of God) which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) the Father, God, has set His seal.”

/JOH 6:28

Therefore they (the disciples in the crowds following Jesus) said to Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God (the Father)?”

/JOH 6:29

Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God (the Father), that you believe in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) whom He (God the Father) has sent (through faith alone).”

I believe. These are two of the most powerful words in the universe. I trust. I have faith. I have confidence. Our charge as Christians is to put our faith in our God and our faith in His Word.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Welcome to bible study for RENEWING our faith...it's a time to let God the Holy Spirit teach you about the Zoe Life...the resurrection 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

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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

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...\

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

Renew our faith...remind us of the value of placing our confidence in You...

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

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Romans Chapter 1- Faith from God's Point of View

It is Paul's ministry to reveal the character, the calling and the destiny of individual Church Age Believers, and the destiny of the collective of Church Age believers whom the bible identifies the body of Christ. Turn in your bibles to Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 14...in Verses 14 to 22, Paul says it this way...

/EPH 2:14

*For He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is our peace, who made both groups (Jews and Gentiles) into one (group) and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall... *

/EPH 2:15

*...by abolishing in His flesh (His true humanity) the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances (which is now inoperative), so that in Himself (in His very person) He (the Lord Jesus Christ) might make the two (groups) into one new man (the new spiritual species of 2 CO 5:17), thus establishing peace... *

/EPH 2:16

*...and might reconcile them both in one body to God (the Father) through the Cross, by it (the Cross) having put to death the enmity. *

/EPH 2:17

*AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY (Gentiles), AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR (Jews)... *

/EPH 2:18

*...for through Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) we both (Jews and Gentiles) have our (direct and confident) access in one (God the Holy) Spirit to (God) the Father. *

/EPH 2:19

*So then you (Gentiles) are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household... *

/EPH 2:20

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*...having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone... *

/EPH 2:21

*...in whom the whole building (the collective body of Christ), being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord... *

/EPH 2:22

*...in whom you also (as individuals) are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit (en Pneumati). *

Turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 1... Paul's letter to the Romans is the sixth book of the New Testament. Paul stands alone in writing this letter to us believers in Christ. Let's begin with the introduction...

/Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 7
Introduction

ROM 1:1

*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... *

/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... *

/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... *

/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... now we are talking about this Jesus Christ, our Lord, God the Son... *

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/ROM 1:5

*...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... *

/ROM 1:6

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

/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. *

Now the passage currently under study...Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15...the Prayer for the Purpose of Paul's Ministry...

/Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15
Prayer for the Purpose of Paul's Ministry\

/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). *

A powerful expression...**your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world**...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...the faith of a few believers in Christ was being proclaimed thorough the whole world. I wonder if your faith is being proclaimed thorough the whole world, or for that matter, in your immediate periphery...in your family...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 9...

/ROM 1:9

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

/ROM 1:10

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

Paul had a heartfelt desire to preach in Rome, but up to this 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 the benefit of the beloved ones in Rome, 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...continuing in Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 12...

/ROM 1:12

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

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...even though I wanted to come) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as (I obtain fruit) among the rest of the Gentiles.

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/ROM 1:14

I (Paul) 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 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... 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.

Take a five-minute break...

/BREAK

Indescribable

When I Think About Home

We are now investigating the subject matter for this prayer in Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15...and in the last lesson we looked at our self-made quiz questions for this prayer...

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith (as in, “Your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world” in verse 8)?\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is prayer?\

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

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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 start at the beginning...with faith...

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith from God’s point of view?\

God might say that faith is a requirement for Christians...

/MAT 17:14

*When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him (the Lord) and saying... *

/MAT 17:15

*“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic (epileptic) and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.” *

/MAT 17:16

*“I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.” *

/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.” *

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/MAT 17:18

*And Jesus rebuked him (the demon), and the demon came out of him (the man's son), 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 (the Lord Jesus Christ) said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." *

As we begin our look at the subject of faith, we must connect it to a Person...the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith itself is a gift to you from the Lord. Ephesians, Chapter 2, Versus 8 and 9 say...

/EPH 2:8-9

*For by grace you have been saved through faith (alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone); and that (grace, faith, and salvation) is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; //not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. *

Faith is to be spent on persons...

In whom do you place your faith? In what person or persons? We are encouraged not to have faith in people. Is that practical? Is that even possible? How many times of you seen this verse distorted...turn to Jeremiah, Chapter 17, Verse 5...

/JER 17:5

*Thus says the Lord, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord." *

Perhaps this translation sheds light on the verse...

/JER 17:5 (a different translation)

*Thus says the Lord, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, because his heart turns away from the Lord." *

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The truth is we can count on people and we have to count on people. In the matter of people, do these words come to mind...

/In the matter of people, do these words come to mind...

I believe

I trust

I have faith

I have confidence\

If these words don't come to mind when you think of people, I suggest you may want to question your commitment to Christianity. As Christians, Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 29 says...

/ROM 8:29

*For those whom He (God the Father) foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son... *

Christians are being conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. Can you actually say that you are being conformed to the image of Christ without embracing these words...

/In the matter of people, do these words come to mind <reveal>...

I believe

I trust

I have faith

I have confidence\

...connecting these words in your heart to people. I say no.

What is faith? It's the battle against unbelief! It promises to be a fun study.

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/CLOSING SONG

Essence of God\

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.

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Thanks for listening!

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