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Lesson 23 – September 8, 2013

**/Welcome To
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a Christian Church
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Pastor-Teacher**

Good Morning! John, Chapter 14, Verse 6 says...

/JOH 14:6

Jesus said to him (doubting Thomas), “I am the way (to salvation), and (I am) the truth (through the Word of God), and (I am) the (Zoe Life...the resurrection) life; (and) no one comes to (God) the Father but through (believing in) Me.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the great I AM. He is our Creator. He is God. He is the reason for our existence. And we come to Bible study to learn His mind...because the bible is the mind of Christ.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Bible study is a time for the refreshment of RENEWING...it's a time to reinvigorate our souls and our senses...a time to turn our bodies over to God as living and holy sacrifices...a time to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God, so we can be a reflection of our Savior's thoughts to a lost and dying world, as we persevere in the study of the Word. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but (keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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...and thanks for coming to this celebration of the

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Lord's Supper where we get to witness in our souls the quintessential sacrifice that was made on our behalf at the Cross.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

You Raise Me Up\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...YOU RAISE ME UP.

/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 value of obeying your plan for our lives...

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 purpose of equipping you believers in Christ for the work of service.

/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION
The Lord Jesus Christ Had Faith in His Father's Plan

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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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/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

Celebrate Jesus Celebrate

/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION

The Lord Jesus Christ Had Faith in His Father's Plan

The Lord's Supper celebration is a gift to us from a God who loves us unconditionally. He asks us "to keep on doing this in remembrance of Him" so that He can keep on reminding us of how much He loves us. When we look back at the Cross, as we are instructed to do...what must we see? Unconditional love.

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

The Cross is a reminder of the Lord Jesus Christ's unconditional love for us. The Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles, in John, Chapter 15, Verse 13...

/JOH 15:13

*"Greater (unconditional) love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." *

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That is exactly what our Lord did for all mankind at the Cross...He laid down His life for His friends...and that is the Lord Jesus Christ's attitude toward all mankind...He sees all of His creatures as His friends.

The Lord's Supper is a table of fellowship designed by God especially for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a reenactment of a portion of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread...the Passover Celebration. It is a commemoration of the finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross. John Chapter 19, Verse 30 says...

/JOH 19:30

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Turn in your Bibles to Psalm 22. Let's begin by reading the Psalm together, and then we will study it together. As we read it, let's notice the perspective from which it comes. We are behind the eyes of the Lord Jesus Christ as He hangs from the Cross. We are in His thoughts. We get to see His "Proverbs, Chapter 23, Verse 7" viewpoint...

/PRO 23:7

For as he thinks within himself, so he is...

We get a glimpse into the Lord Jesus Christ's inner life.

<READ PSALM 22>

After we enjoy the elements of the Lord's Supper, we will investigate the thoughts of our Lord to see what His concerns were as He made the ultimate sacrifice in submission to His Father's plan for his life.

/THE LORD'S SUPPER
Enjoying the Elements

Following God's request, we keep on celebrating CHRIST and His Cross on a regular basis...we eat to remember who He is...His Person...we drink to remember His Work, the voluntary sacrifice He at the Cross on our behalf...made on our behalf...and we are grateful. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24 say...

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/1CO 11:23-24

For I (Paul) received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus (Christ) in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; //and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is (and keeps on being) My body, which is (broken) for you; (keep on) do(ing) this in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.”

Remember, when we eat the bread during the Lord’s Supper celebration, we remember THE PERSON of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Continuing in First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26...

/1CO 11:25-26

In the same way He (the Lord Jesus Christ) took the cup (representing His death on the Cross) also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant (testament) in (the sphere of) My blood (in spiritual and physical death); (keep on) do(ing) this, as often as you drink it, in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.//For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

Remember, when we drink the cup, we remember THE WORK of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please enjoy the bread and the cup. As you do, we’ll listen to the Lord’s Supper Song...GIVE THANKS.

/LORD’S SUPPER SONG

Give Thanks

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

/THE LORD’S SUPPER CELEBRATION

The Lord Jesus Christ Had Faith in His Father’s Plan

Welcome back! Look at Psalm 22...

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/PSA 22:1

My God (the Father), my God (the Father), why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

The Lord Jesus Christ experienced at the Cross something that you will never experience...He was all alone as He paid for the sins of the world. When the Lord asks His Father why the Father has forsaken Him, He is not expressing despair, or doubt, or impatience, or reticence, or reluctance. The Lord volunteered to go to the Cross. He would have preferred not to do the task alone. He hated disunity. He hated individualism. Yet paying for our sins was His unique job...alone. And He did His job while groaning, not roaring in pain.

/PSA 22:2

O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; And by night (I cry), but I have no rest.

He had no rest because He was being made sin on our behalf.

/PSA 22:3

Yet You (God the Father) are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

At the moment of this thought, the Father was reconciling the world to Himself through Christ. Now David, the writer of this Psalm inserted his thoughts...a Psalm was written by David years before the Cross...

/PSA 22:4

In You (God the Father) our fathers trusted; They trusted and You delivered them.

/PSA 22:5

To You they cried out and were delivered; In You they trusted and were not disappointed.

The Lord's thoughts continue...He looks down and He sees those who surround Him during His crucifixion...

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/PSA 22:6

But I am (considered) a worm and not a man, a reproach of men and despised by the people.

/PSA 22:7

All who see me sneer at me; they separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying...

/PSA 22:8

“Commit yourself to the Lord; let Him (the Lord...God the Father) deliver him; Let Him (the Lord...God the Father) rescue him (Jesus), because He (Jesus) delights in him (so much).”

Yet the Lord’s response to their jeering is, “Father forgive them for they don’t know what they are doing.” The Lord Jesus Christ is a man of purpose, and He did not forget His purpose as He suffered on the Cross.

/PSA 22:9

Yet You (God the Father) are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust (in faith) when upon my mother’s breasts.

/PSA 22:10

Upon You I was cast from birth; You have been my God from my mother’s womb.

The Lord Jesus Christ was in a submission relationship to God the Father throughout His time on earth. The Lord describes the savage nature of His tormentors...

/PSA 22:11

Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

/PSA 22:12

Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.

/PSA 22:13

They open wide their mouth at me, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

They are Roman tormentors, the most savage of the day. Now the Lord

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describes His physical condition...

/PSA 22:14

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within me.

/PSA 22:15

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.

Now back to His tormentors...

/PSA 22:16

For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.

/PSA 22:17

I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me...

/PSA 22:18

They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

He is naked on the Cross...completely disfigured...totally vulnerable.

/PSA 22:19

But You, O Lord (God the Father), be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance.

/PSA 22:20

Deliver my soul from the sword, My only life from the power of the dog.

/PSA 22:21

Save me from the lion's mouth; from the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.

/PSA 22:22

I will tell of Your name (God the Father) to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

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/PSA 22:23

You who fear the Lord, praise Him; all you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

The Lord Jesus Christ did many things from His vantage point at the Cross. First, He revealed the plan of God the Father. Philippians, Chapter 2, Verses 5 to 11...

/PHI 2:5-6

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

/PHI 2:7

*...but emptied Himself (deprived Himself of the rightful functions of Deity), taking the form of a bond-servant (doulos), and being made in the likeness of men. *

/PHI 2:8

*Being found in appearance as a man (true humanity), He humbled (humiliated) Himself by becoming (voluntarily) obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross. *

/PHI 2:9

*For this reason also, God (the Father) highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name... *

/PHI 2:10

*...so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth... *

PHI 2:11

*...and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *

Second, He destroyed Satan. Hebrews, Chapter 2, Verse 14...

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/HEB 2:14

Therefore, since the (His...the Lord's) children share in flesh and blood, He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) likewise also partook of the same (flesh and blood), that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil...

Third, the Lord Jesus Christ redeemed all mankind. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verses 18 and 19...

/1PE 1:18-19

...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, //but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

Galatians, Chapter 3, Verse 13 says...

/GAL 3:13

(The Lord Jesus) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE —”

It's an absolute pleasure for us to stop to reflect every month on the unconditional love that our God has for us.

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/CLOSING SONG

I Want to Know Christ \

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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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!
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Thanks for listening!

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