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**Lesson 32 – September 29, 2013**

**/Welcome To  
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Pastor-Teacher\**

Good Morning! Welcome to the Lord's Supper Celebration! Turn to John, Chapter 1...we'll begin at Verse 19...

/JOH 1:19

*This is the testimony of John (the Baptist), when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"\*

/JOH 1:20

*And he (John the Baptist) confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ (the Messiah)."\*

/JOH 1:21

*They (the priests and Levites from Jerusalem) asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he (John the Baptist) said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he (John the Baptist) answered, "No."\<*

/JOH 1:22

*Then they (the priests and Levites from Jerusalem) said to him (John the Baptist), "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"\<*

/JOH 1:23

*He (John the Baptist) said, "I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."\<*

/JOH 1:24-25

*Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.//They asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ (the Messiah), nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"\<*

Why are you baptizing if you are a nobody...in other words...

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/JOH 1:26

*John (the Baptist) answered them saying, “I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know.”\*

/JOH 1:27

*“It is He (the Lord Jesus Christ) who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”\*

/JOH 1:28

*These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.\*

/JOH 1:29

*The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”\*

/JOH 1:30

*“This is He (the Lord Jesus Christ) on behalf of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’”\*

/JOH 1:31

*“I did not recognize Him, but so that He (the Lord Jesus Christ...the Messiah) might be manifested (made visible) to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”\*

/JOH 1:32

*John testified saying, “I have seen (God) the (Holy) Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He (God the Holy Spirit) remained upon Him (the Lord Jesus Christ).”\*

/JOH 1:33

*“I did not recognize Him (the Lord Jesus Christ...the Messiah), but He (God the Father) who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see (God) the (Holy) Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’”\*

/JOH 1:34

*“I (John the Baptist) myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”\*

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John the Baptist was simply a voice crying out in the wilderness...yet with his eyes, John the Baptist saw Jesus for who He is...a sacrificial Victim who was to die for the sins of the whole world, including yours and mine. Welcome to our monthly celebration of this historic event. Welcome to our celebration of the risen Messiah, our Lord and Savior Jesus 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...it's a time to turn our bodies over to God as living and holy sacrifices...it's 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.”

**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

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

I Stand Amazed\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...I STAND AMAZED.

**/OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

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

Help us to recognize the value of suffering in our lives as you conform us to a life of happiness and satisfaction...

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. Welcome to a place which is a celebration of living the Christian Life.

**/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION  
The Cross Takes Us from Suffering to Contentment\**

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.\*

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**/OFFERING SONG**

*A Few Good Men\*

**/THE LORD’S SUPPER CELEBRATION**

**The Cross Takes Us from Suffering to Contentment\**

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 gift to believers from the One who loves us unconditionally, the Lord Jesus Christ. He asks us “to keep on doing this” celebration “in remembrance of Him.” Each time we celebrate, we are reminded of just how much the Lord loves us.

During the Lord’s Supper Celebration we look back at the Cross...

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

...and when we do, we see a number of truths with the eyes of our soul.

When we look at the Cross, we see the **INCOMPARABLE**.

No event in divine history compares to the Cross, because if the Lord Jesus Christ does not die on the Cross, a host of other events are meaningless... resurrection, the payment for our sins, salvation, and Christianity among them. Without the Cross, no creature has hope. Galatians, Chapter 3, Verse 13 says...

*/GAL 3:13*

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

Our incomparable Lord gave us an incomparable free gift...the gift of the resurrection life...and it started at the Cross.

When we look at the Cross, we see **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE**. The Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles, in John, Chapter 15, Verse 13...

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/JOH 15:13

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

The Lord has a “no matter what” love for His creatures. We are totally acceptable to Him, and always welcome to come to Him.

When we look at the Cross, we see **SACRIFICE AND SUFFERING**. First Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 24 says...

/1PE 2:24

*...and He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) bore our sins in His (own) body (His true humanity) on the Cross, so that we might die to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature) and (and so that we might) live to (the sphere of absolute) righteousness; for by His wounds (on the Cross) you were healed.\*

The Lord suffered so we wouldn't have to...He lived the perfectly sacrificial life through suffering for us.

When we look at the Cross, we see **FORGIVENESS**. First John, Chapter 2, Verses 1 and 2 say...

/1JO 2:1b-2

*And if (1) anyone sins (and we do), we have an Advocate (a paraclete) with (God) the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; //and He Himself is the propitiation (the ONLY perfectly satisfactory payment) for our sins; and not for our sins only (as believers in Christ), but also for those (sins) of the whole world (unbelievers as well).\*

We don't have to ask God for forgiveness. We are already forgiven.

When we look at the Cross, we see **RECONCILIATION**. Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verses 17 and 18 say...

/2CO 5:17

*Therefore if (1) anyone is in (union with) Christ (and all believers in Christ are), he is a new creature (spiritual species); the (sovereignty of the) old (self) things passed away; behold, new (spiritual species) things have come.\*

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/2CO 5:18

*Now all these things are from God (the Father), who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, //namely, that God (the Father) was in (union with) Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He (God the Father) has committed to us the word of reconciliation. \*

Turn in your Bibles to Isaiah, Chapter 53. Let's begin by reading the passage together, and then we'll study it together. The first nine verses of Isaiah 53 detail the Lord's suffering...the last three verses detail His contentment. Just as it did for the Lord, the cross takes us from suffering to contentment.

<READ ISAIAH 53>

After we enjoy the elements of the Lord's Supper, we will investigate the significance of this biblical passage for our lives.

**/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 made at the Cross on our behalf...and we are grateful. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24 say...

/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." \*

When we eat the bread during the Lord's Supper celebration, we remember THE PERSON of the Lord Jesus Christ.

First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26 say...

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/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 (through 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.”\*

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

As you remember the Lord and Savior 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 Cross Takes Us from Suffering to Contentment\**

Welcome back! Look at Isaiah, Chapter 53...Isaiah wrote this prediction 700 years before Christ’s birth.

/ISA 53:1

*Who has believed our message? And to whom has the (bare) arm of the (hard work of the) Lord been revealed?\*

Do you, in your consciousness, realize the significance of the Lord’s death on your behalf? Israel did not. They were the victims of unbelief...the bearers of hearts that were cold and indifferent toward the Lord. Israel did not value the Lord, their Servant, who gave His life as a substitute on Israel’s behalf. Quite often we are in the same predicament...we get caught up in the busy-ness of life and we lose sight of the value of our benefactor... the Lord Jesus Christ...we forget the significance both of the Lord’s life and



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His death...our hearts grow cold and indifferent as well.

/ISA 53:2

*For He (the Lord Jesus Christ) grew up before Him (God the Father) like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.\*

There is nothing about the Lord that would make Him attractive to men. He was like a refrigerator of cold water in the parched desert...He was different. Yet He was not valued or esteemed. Isaiah points out how human hearts grow cold and indifferent to God's messengers...how they are never welcomed with open arms...this is a Pastor's cross to bear. Do you notice those who are valuable to you? If they are not quite pleasing to your eyes or to your ears, do you ignore the value of those whom the Lord has sent to you for your benefit? Our Lord was rejected and frankly we, as humans, have learned to reject those who are valuable and we often choose to embrace those who are not valuable to us.

/ISA 53:3

*He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.\*

Often those who are most valuable to us are repulsive to us. So it was with Israel...they were repulsed by the Lord, and most of them are repulsed to this day. They did not esteem Him. Yet He is the most important Person in the universe. How often do we, as well, profane our sanctuaries by being repulsed, perhaps out of boredom, with those who are important parts of our own body?

/ISA 53:4

*Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.\*

In spite of ill treatment, the Lord allowed Himself to bear grief...to bear sorrows...to be stricken...to be afflicted...so that we would not be. The Lord is not one to sit in heaven on a lofty perch. He tabernacled among us...He felt our pain...He endured our circumstances...He sympathizes with

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our weaknesses...and He paid for them. Yet we did not respond in gratitude. Interesting how those we value the least often do the most for us.

/ISA 53:5

*But He (the Lord Jesus Christ) was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.\*

Our Lord overlooked our ingratitude and remained steadfast until He had accomplished His mission...to reconcile us to relationship with God the Father by becoming the ONLY perfectly satisfactory payment to God the Father for our sins.

/ISA 53:6

*All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.\*

Like sheep we all want to follow our own way, even when it is the wrong way, and we choose to ignore the Lord's way...when we are not following ourselves we are marching to the beat of the world system's "pied pipers" ... enamored by their lies...yet the Lord chose to bear the burden of our sins anyway...our iniquities were caused to fall on Him.

/ISA 53:7

*He (the Lord Jesus Christ) was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.\*

Sheep will follow sheep even to their own death...the Lord followed a path to His death...willingly dying for us...and did not stop those who wanted to see Him dead even though He could have stopped them with a sneeze...He "opened not His mouth" for us...

/ISA 53:8

*By oppression and judgment He was taken away (led to death); and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?\*

No one in the Lord's generation considered His death significant.

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/ISA 53:9

*His grave was assigned with wicked men (the two thieves crucified with Him), yet He was with a rich man (Joseph) in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.\*

God the Father would not let our Royal Lord be buried among the evil...the Lord was rich and He was buried in a rich man's grave. The Lord suffered for us...

/THE LORD'S SUFFERING <reveal>

Crucifixion on the Cross  
Spiritual and Physical Death  
Burial\

The Lord could have chosen to ignore the Cross...Satan suggested it in Matthew, Chapter 4, Verses 8 and 9...

/MAT 4:8-9

*Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." \*

All these things I will give you without the work. Ever get offered the Crown without the Cross? There is no shortcut to contentment. The Lord chose the path of the Cross... Matthew, Chapter 4, Verse 10...

/MAT 4:10

*Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.' "* \

Satan's suggestion to the Lord and to us is to avoid the Cross and to usurp the Crown. The Lord refused and so do we. First Peter, Chapter 5, Verse 10 says...

/1PE 5:10

*After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in (union with) Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.\*

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After the suffering...contentment!

/ISA 53:10

*But the Lord (God the Father) was pleased to crush Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), (it was the Father's will) putting Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring (believers in Christ), He will prolong His days (He lives eternally as the Son of God seated at the right hand of God the Father), and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand (because of His obedience to God the Father's will).\*

/ISA 53:11

*As a result of the anguish of His (the Lord Jesus Christ's) soul, He (God the Father) will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.\*

Because our Lord died, we don't have to...through Him we have the Zoe Life...the resurrection life...the eternal life.

/ISA 53:12

*Therefore, I (God the Father) will allot Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; because He (the Lord Jesus Christ) poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.\*

The Lord Jesus Christ's death satisfied God the Father's righteous demands for judgment against sin, and it opened the way for "whosoever" ... for everyone...to come to God the Father in faith for their salvation from the sin problem once and for all time.

/CONTENTMENT IS THE CROWN <reveal>

Resurrection from the Dead  
Ascension  
Session\

This is why we enjoy the Lord's Supper celebration...this is why we endure our crosses...because we know that if we are suffering in the shadows of life

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that the sunshine follows shortly. We thank our Lord for His Cross, which takes us from suffering to contentment.

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**/CLOSING SONG**

I Am\

**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...\

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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