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**Lesson 39– October 20, 2013**

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

Good Morning! Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor -Teacher...a spiritual gift given to me by God the Father for your benefit...a spiritual gift for evangelizing to unbelievers by preaching the gospel of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...and a spiritual gift for building a church filled with members of the body of Christ to provide them with a sanctuary in Satan's kingdom. May God's grace and peace be multiplied to you. The Lord Jesus Christ is God...the bible is His exact thinking...the bible is the absolute truth...the bible is without error...and the bible is without contradiction. Revelation, Chapter 2, Verse 7 says...

/REV 2:7

*'He who has an ear, let him hear what (God) the (Holy) Spirit says to the churches.'*

Welcome to bible study where we learn how to listen to God.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

This and every bible lesson gives you a chance to RENEW your faith...its a time to let God the Holy Spirit lead you into all the truths of the Word of God for the purpose of pouring His enabling power into you. 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 listen to the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God...through the power of the Spirit...thanks for tuning in to WGod...and thanks for tuning out KCOS...the cosmic system of thought...even if just for a short time.

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**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

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

Word of God Speak\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's worship our Lord in song.  
The opening song is WORD OF GOD SPEAK.

**/OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

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

Shape Barah Ministries so that it is well pleasing to you in every way...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...  
Amen.

**/TODAY'S STUDY**

**Romans Chapter 1- Christ Establishes Local Churches to Proclaim Our Faith\**

We continue our study of faith through the study of the second passage in Romans, Chapter 1...

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

...and in Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 8...the first verse in Paul's Prayer for the Purpose of his ministry...“faith” is our subject...

/ROM 1:8

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

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As a Christian Church, Barah Ministries has the same charge as the believers in the church in Rome...we are to proclaim our faith throughout the whole world. Faith is mentioned in Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 5 and 8 and 12. What is faith?

/FAITH

A mental power given to each person at physical birth as a gift from a gracious God, which through freedom of choice, allows you to place your absolute confidence in a person, a place, or a thing...an active power which, when placed in God, offers an uncompromising inner assurance that things not seen will occur, and that things which seem impossible, can be accomplished.\

Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 8 says...

/EPH 2:8

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that (faith is) not of yourselves, it is the gift of God... \*

According to Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 7, we believers in Christ...

/2CO 5:7

*...walk by faith, not by sight — \*

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 17 says...

/ROM 1:17

*...in (the gospel message) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." \*

We receive imputed righteousness from the SOURCE of God when we spend our gifted faith to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ's Person and His Work for salvation...this faith is the antidote for unbelief...it counteracts the injurious and unwanted effects of unbelief. Then as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ...we are to live by faith as well.

Often we adopt a lifestyle of unbelief...what is unbelief?

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**/UNBELIEF**

An incapacitating, paralyzing and enslaving mental power offered to all mankind by the kingdom of darkness, and chosen by some as a lifestyle, designed to steal our salvation, to kill our faith, to destroy our hope, to turn our love cold, and to keep our lives in constant crisis.\

A life of faith is like an apple. It is sweet. It is delicious. It is nutritious. A life of unbelief is like a chocolate bar. It is sweet. It is delicious. Yet it has no nutritional value at all.

In this metaphor, the apple is the new self-life. The chocolate bar is the old-self life. An apple can never be confused with a chocolate bar. They are different. If you improve a chocolate bar it does not become an apple. If you improve the old-self life, it does not become the new-self life. And of course an apple could never be mistaken for a chocolate bar. The new-self life is completely different than the old-self life.

Of course chocolate lovers disagree. So even though the chocolate bar, the old-self life was crucified at the Cross, many will simply melt the chocolate bar onto the apple to have a mixture of both...the chocolate covered apple forms a counterfeit lifestyle of a new-self life being covered by a continuation of the crucified old-self life. This distortion is a lifestyle of unbelief being run by the new-self. Yet the two, the old-self life and the new-self life can never have affinity. Galatians, Chapter 2, Verse 20 says...

**/GAL 2:20**

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in(dwelling) me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me (unconditionally) and gave Himself up for me.\*

Luke Chapter 5, Verses 37 and 38 say...

**/LUK 5:37-38**

*“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the (wine)skins and it (the wine) will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined.//But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.”\*

Barah Ministries is, and always has been, a new creation from God. Yet

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covered in the chocolate of Systematic Theology, Barah Ministries' creative power was choked...its individual expression was stifled, and it did not proclaim its faith throughout the whole world in a unique way that represents accurately the unconditional love, the Person, the thinking, the work, and the essence of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God established Barah Ministries with a three-pronged purpose in mind...

**/BARAH MINISTRIES' PURPOSE**

To evangelize to unbelievers, providing the accurate Gospel Message, the Good News about Jesus Christ's Person and His salvation work at the Cross.

To teach the Word of God regularly to believers in Christ from the pulpit of a local church.

To conduct missionary activity, raising Pastors and independent self sustaining churches throughout the world as God provides the opportunity.\

God the Holy Sprit has rightly said to Barah Ministries, through this pulpit, that we have had a distorted view of a local church. The Lord Jesus Christ establishes local churches to proclaim the Christian faith. Here is how He does it...

**/GOD ESTABLISHES LOCAL CHURCHES <reveal>**

God places a church in a specific location

God brings people to populate the church who have complementary spiritual gifts.

People use their spiritual gifts to benefit the body of Christ...the local church and the universal church.

When people use their spiritual gift to do God's work, it's called a ministry... it's called "the work of service"\

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/GOD ESTABLISHES LOCAL CHURCHES <reveal>

At the proper time, God sends some people out from a local church to establish independent churches in new locations.

We will encounter opposition as we use our spiritual gifts...opposition from within and opposition from without.

When we encounter opposition we remember that “greater is He who is indwelling us than he who is in the world.”\

Let’s take a look at what a church looks like...

<THE CHURCH CHART reveals in four parts...NOW PART 1>

The Universal Church is the body of all of Christ’s believers...turn to Matthew, Chapter 16, Verse 13...

/MAT 16:13

*Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He (the Lord Jesus Christ) was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”\*

/MAT 16:14

*And they said, “Some say (you are) John the Baptist; and others (say you are) Elijah; but still others (say you are) Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.”\*

The people identified the Lord as someone whose teachings were similar to the teachings of other men.

/MAT 16:15

*He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said to them (the disciples), “But who do you say that I am?”\*

The Lord Jesus Christ offered a test of their faith...not for Him, because as omniscient God He knew the status of their faith...but He gave them a chance to articulate their faith...

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/MAT 16:16

*Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ (the Messiah), the Son of the living God.”\*

Peter made it clear that he knew the Lord was not a man...that indeed Peter knew the Lord was God...the One the Old Testament Scriptures had promised...the anointed One...the One in whom was the fulfillment of all the Old Testament promises from God to the nation of Israel...thus Peter was acknowledging the Lord’s Deity...

/MAT 16:17

*And (the Lord) Jesus (Christ) said to him (Peter), “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona (Simon, son of Jonas), because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven (revealed this to you).”\*

/MAT 16:18

*“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (my own physical death) will not overpower it (this universal church).”\*

/MAT 16:19

*“I will give you the keys (the authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth (from My instructions) shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth (from My instructions) shall have been loosed in heaven.”\*

/MAT 16:20

*Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ (the Messiah).\*

The rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ by Israel was complete, at this point, therefore there was no need for the disciples to attempt to change what was locked in stone. The Lord’s physical death was imminent.

The Lord, thus established the universal church...and His body would be all those who believe.

Take a five-minute break.

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/BREAK

*Be Glorified*

*When I Think About Home\*

Welcome back...

The Lord Jesus Christ was the “Rock” being referred to in Matthew, Chapter 16, Verse 18...

/MAT 16:18

*“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (my own physical death) will not overpower it (this universal church).”\*

...the Universal Church would be built on Christ.

<THE CHURCH CHART reveals in four parts NOW PART 2>

The Lord Jesus Christ is the head...Colossians, Chapter 2, Verses 9 and 10 say...

/COL 2:9-10

*For in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, //and in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) you have been made complete (pleroo), and He is the head over all rule and authority... \*

The Lord Jesus Christ is the head over the Universal Church...and He is the Head over the local church as well.

<THE CHURCH CHART reveals in four parts NOW PART 3>

Barah Ministries is a local church...we are part of the body. In the local church there are ministries...and people...

<THE CHURCH CHART reveals in four parts NOW PART 4>

What is a ministry?

/MINISTRY

A calling, given to you by God, and centered in service to the Lord Jesus



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Christ, in which you use your spiritual gift as you choose in service to others\

Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 11 to 13 say...

/EPH 4:11

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers... \*

/EPH 4:12

*...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ... \*

/EPH 4:13

*...until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. \*

What is a local church?

A church is a local grouping of “called out ones” ... ones with ministries... who assemble together for the purpose of worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ...for the purpose of hearing the teaching of His Word...for the purpose of prayer...for the purpose of fellowship...for the purpose of edification of each other. Therefore, it is important to gather physically within the church...spiritual kinship is important...but in the flesh kinship is every bit as important as well.

Our homecoming celebrations must almost be considered mandatory in the souls of those of you who have chosen Barah Ministries as your church...and let’s make something clear...you select a church...for the church will survive the Pastor...the church is more important than the Pastor just as sure as the Presidency is more important than the President...as I see it, the “Doctrine of Right Pastor” from Systematic Theology must be intensely questioned...and I think rejected...and when you think of belonging to a church...and when you think of asking why God brought you and your ministry and your spiritual gift to this church...it sheds new light on the practice of “Pastor hopping” which so many Systematic Theology proponents do.

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In the local church, visible problems arise on a regular basis...they are issues that challenge our approach to the application of the Word of God. We are expected to KNOW the Word of God and to USE the Word of God. Problems are designed by God for our growth and for our edification. They MUST NOT BE AVOIDED. “Pastor hoppers” exit stage right when the problems happen and then fail to experience the spiritual growth that happens when we work through problems.

We have a perverted view of what a church is from our time in religion and from our time in the legalism of Systematic Theology.

We, as a church, are not spiritually superior to any other church. We are not spiritually separate from any other church. We are in union other churches even though we have an independent church that makes independent and unique decisions. We cannot divorce ourselves from other Christian churches who are part of the Universal Church. Revelation, Chapter 2, Verse 7 says...

/REV 2:7

*‘He who has an ear, let him hear what (God) the (Holy) Spirit says to the churches.’*

We are a location for a church. God placed us in this location. We have a local location and a local character. And through the miracle of the internet we can be joined by those scattered throughout the world who wish to call this local location home. We are part of the Universal Church. We choose a local church for the expression of our ministry and our spiritual gift.

Our head is Christ...and not men.

The question Barah Ministries must ask and answer is...

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

What service does God want to come from this church?\

I guarantee He doesn't want us sitting on our hands.

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**/CLOSING SONG**

For Such a Time as This\

**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.

**/Thanks for coming!**  
**Thanks for watching!**  
**Thanks for listening!**

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