/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 blessing and for your benefit...a spiritual gift given to me to evangelize to unbelievers by preaching the gospel message of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...a spiritual gift for the building of a church filled with members of the body of Christ... a spiritual gift to provide believers in Christ with a place to express their spiritual gift and a place to construct a ministry in service to others throughout the whole world. May God's grace and peace be multiplied to you and to everyone who is important to you. The Lord Jesus Christ is the One we gather to worship...and He is God...John, Chapter 1, Verse 14 says...

/JOH 1:14

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And the Word (the Lord) became flesh (Jesus Christ), and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we saw (beheld) His glory, glory as of the only begotten (uniquely born One) from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Bible study is a time for the refreshment of RENEWING our thoughts...it's a time to reinvigorate our souls and to nourish 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 learn how to be a reflection of our Savior's thoughts to a lost and dying world, as we persevere in the study of the Word of God. 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.\

Bible study encourages you to turn away from the world's viewpoint, and to adopt God's viewpoint, taking it into the world as a powerful influence.

Welcome to the place where God the Holy Spirit prepares you to "in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to deliver your souls."

## **/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

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

I am Beautiful

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...I AM BEAUTIFUL.

## **/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 learn to pray as your Son did...

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

## **/TODAY'S STUDY**

# Romans Chapter 1 – A Prayer of Fellowship Between a Father and a Son\

We begin with a few announcements.

## /TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS October 27, 2013\

/Mark Your Calendars! The next Lord's Supper Celebration is November 10, 2013\

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Deacon Elliott Clark will deliver the Lord's Supper Message that day.

/Mark Your Calendars! No Face-to-Face Bible Study December 8 December 29\

/Prayers Claudia Marquez\

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/TODAY'S OFFERING Deacon Elliott Clark\

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#### **/OFFERING VERSE**

#### 2CO 8:7

But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

/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

In His Presence

## /TODAY'S STUDY Romans Chapter 1 – A Prayer of Fellowship Between a Father and a Son\

If you want to read yourself into this prayer during the coming week...begin at John, Chapter 12. Some background...

It's the night before the Lord Jesus Christ is to go to the Cross. In John, Chapter 12, the Lord Jesus Christ is headed for Jerusalem. Nothing good happens in Jerusalem! He begins to foretell of His death...John, Chapter 12, Verse 8 says...

/JOH 12:8 "For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."

John, Chapter 12, Verses 35 and 36 say...

/JOH 12:35

So Jesus said to them (His apostles), "For a little while longer the Light (the Lord Jesus Christ) is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness (the unbeliever) does not know where he goes."

/JOH 12:36

*"While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light." These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.*\

In John, Chapter 13, the night begins with a celebration...The Last Supper...The Last Passover together...the location of The Last Supper is the Upper Room. Turn in your bibles to Mark, Chapter 14, Verse 12...the Lord sends His apostles to prepare the Upper Room for the feast.

## /MAR 14:12

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, His disciples said to Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

## /MAR 14:13

And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water... follow him..."

## /MAR 14:14

"...and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples? ""\

#### /MAR 14:15

"And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; prepare for us there."

In John Chapter 13, the Last Supper...the Lord washes the disciples feet... the Lord predicts His betrayal.

In John Chapter 14 to 16, what is known as the Upper Room Discourse, the Lord begins to console His apostles. In John Chapter 14, Jesus comforts them with information about the Holy Spirit. In John Chapter 15, Jesus uses the Vine and the branches analogy. In John Chapter 16, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit. The Lord is preparing His apostles for the fact that His physical death is imminent and that He is going home to the Father.

Take a five-minute break and we'll look at the greatest prayer in the bible.

#### /BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back! John, Chapter 17...the longest prayer in the bible...perhaps the greatest prayer in the bible...is the subject of our study today. It is an interaction with God the Father. The Lord Jesus Christ prayed often to His Father. They had a running interaction through prayer. Turn to John, John, Chapter 11, Verse 41...

#### /JOH 11:41-42

So they removed (the stone at Lazarus' grave). Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.//I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it (the prayer), so that they may believe that You sent Me."

In prayer, our great high priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, intercedes for His believers. Today He talks constantly to His Father on our behalf. Turn to John, Chapter 17, Verse 1...let's look at the prayer that is REALLY "The Lord's Prayer" ... not the one He made during the Sermon on the Mount...

#### /JOH 17:1

Jesus spoke these things (of the Upper Room Discourse); and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour (we set together in eternity past) has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You..."

The Lord Jesus Christ, in going to the Cross, is demonstrating the unconditional love of God the Father and the unconditional love of God the Son through His voluntary acceptance of the Cross.

#### /JOH 17:2

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"...even as You (God the Father) gave Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He (the Lord Jesus Christ) may give eternal life (the Zoe life)."

#### /JOH 17:3

"This is eternal life (the Zoe Life), that they may know You (God the Father), the only true God, and (that they may know the Lord) Jesus Christ whom You (God the Father) have sent."

You've heard the saying, "It's not what you know, it's whom you know." Do you know the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Sovereign of the universe? There is no more important Person to know.

## /JOH 17:4

"I (the Lord Jesus Christ) glorified You (God the Father) on the earth, having accomplished the work which You (God the Father) have given Me (the Lord Jesus Christ) to do."

The work the Lord was given to do was the Cross.

## /JOH 17:5

"Now, Father, glorify Me (the Lord Jesus Christ) together with Yourself, with the glory which I (the Lord Jesus Christ) had with You before the world was."

Now that you have heard the first five verses of John 17...a special note...a special question...what do you notice about the prayer in the first five verses of John, Chapter 17? I think you should notice that Jesus begins this prayer by praying for Himself.

## /JOH 17:6

"I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have manifested (made visible) Your name (God the Father) to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word."

## /JOH 17:7

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"Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You..."

#### /JOH 17:8

"...for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I (the Lord Jesus Christ) came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me."

The Lord Jesus Christ taught the apostles and the other disciples about the Father. He didn't pass on money, or things to them, but He passed on the Words of His Father. Now the Lord turns the focus of His prayer from self to His apostles.

#### /JOH 17:9

"I (the Lord Jesus Christ) ask (You Father in prayer) on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but (I ask on behalf) of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours..."

This verse should be a little shocking to you...it was to Me...did I hear what I just heard? I hear clearly in this verse that the Lord's concern is His own...the shocking part is the Lord saying that He is not praying for the world! Yet He died for the world. I guess that's a better deal!

/JOH 17:10 "...and all things that are Mine are Yours, and (all things that are) Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them."

Our deepest purpose as believers in Christ is to bring glory to our Lord with our lives.

## /JOH 17:11

"I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are (one)."

It's important to notice what the Lord is asking that we receive in His prayer. The Lord asks for two things as He departs for the Cross...He asks that the Father keep His believers...and He asks that the Father unifies His believers. There is nothing greater than being a kept one of God the Father, and there is certainly nothing greater than being in unity with God.

#### /JOH 17:12

"While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition (Judas Iscariot), so that the Scripture would be fulfilled (as We predicted)."

#### /JOH 17:13

"But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves."

That's the reason we come to bible study...God's Word gives us joy...a contentment regardless of circumstances.

#### /JOH 17:14

*"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."* 

Quite often, this is the reason we don't evangelize...we hesitate because we know we will be hated because the Word of God is hated in the world. This is one of the many things that keeps us from proclaiming our faith throughout the whole world.

/JOH 17:15 *"I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one."* 

The Lord could easily remove all of our challenges...at salvation He could have removed our sin nature...at any moment, He could remove us from planet earth and transport us to heaven. Yet He leaves us here knowing that our "kept" status, our protected status in union with Him, is quite sufficient for us to thrive in Satan's kingdom... because "greater is He that is indwelling us than he who is in the world."

/JOH 17:16 *"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."* 

It's easy to forget that our citizenship is in heaven.

/JOH 17:17 *"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."* 

This is a request by the Lord to His father on our behalf. We are the "set apart ones" ... we are set apart into the truth and we are protected with the Word of God from the lies of Satan's kingdom.

/JOH 17:18

"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."

/JOH 17:19

*"For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth."* 

We are witnesses in Satan's kingdom on behalf of our God...we are ambassadors for Christ. Next, the Lord turns His prayer attention to the church...to the body of Christ.

/JOH 17:20 "I do not ask (in prayer) on behalf of these (apostles) alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word..."

/JOH 17:21 "...that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. "\

As members of the universal church we Church Age believers are one body, with one God the Holy Spirit...and we as a church body here at Barah Ministries have the opportunity to duplicate the foundational success of the universal church by proclaiming our faith in Jesus throughout the whole world.

/JOH 17:22

"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one..."

#### /JOH 17:23

"I in(dwelling) them and You in(dwelling) Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me...."

We are "En Kristo Iesu" ... in union with Christ...an unbreakable relationship with Christ ... we are "En Pneumati" ... we are "in the Spirit" ... we're in a "sealed" and unbreakable relationship with God the Holy Spirit...if we were proclaiming this to the world by demonstration, would they want to join our ranks? By the way...this should be a resounding declaration concerning how important fellowship with us is to God...

#### /JOH 17:24

*"Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world."* 

We will behold the glory of the uniquely born One face to face one day, just as surely as we behold His glory right now through the Zoe life...

/JOH 17:25 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me..."

#### /JOH 17:26

"...and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the (unconditional) love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I (the Lord Jesus Christ) in(dwelling them) them."

Because God the Father sent His Son, we, as believers in Christ are redeemed...purchased from the slavery of spiritual death...possessions of God...in a permanent relationship that we cannot lose.

With all that the Lord has prayed for...the last thing He mentions is that it is His prayer that the unconditional love that He has for the Father and that the Father has for Him, be manifested in us believers.

Is the unconditional love of God clearly visible to others in you?

/CLOSING SONG It's Time\

## **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! Thanks for watching! Thanks for listening!

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