

**ROMANS**  
**Lesson 002– January 5, 2014**

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

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church...my name is Pastor Rory Clark.

**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

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

Lamb of God\

As God prepares your soul to receive His Word, let's turn from the cares of life to the Lord's living refreshment by worshipping Him in song. The opening song is LAMB OF GOD.

**/OPENING PRAYER**

*Let us pray... \*

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

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

**/TODAY'S STUDY**

**Romans Chapter 1 – Your Power is Righteousness\**

**/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 5, 2014**

/Happy Birthday  
Deanna Lemmon  
January 2\

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/Happy Anniversary  
Norbert and Rita Baird  
57 Years of Marriage  
January 5, 1957\

Now let's take the offering. Welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall.

**/TODAY'S OFFERING**  
Deacon Denny Goodall\

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**/OFFERING VERSE**

PHI 2:3-4

*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; //do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.\*

/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**

*Better is One Day\*

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**/TODAY’S STUDY**

**Romans Chapter 1 – Your Power is Righteousness\**

To all the saints in union with the Lord, Christ Jesus who are members of Barah Ministries, including the and especially the deacons, God’s grace to you and peace from God the Father, from the Lord Jesus Christ, and from the Spirit who leads us into all the truth. I thank my God for all of you in my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the dissemination of the gospel of Christ from the first day until now. I am confident that God the Father who began a good work in the creation of you will keep on perfecting it until the day of Christ Jesus.

As a Pastor, I feel like a voice crying out in the wilderness...my fervent plea is, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.” Pastors are called by God to a calling whereby we prepare people to meet the Lord Jesus Christ one day...we labor for the sake of His Name...His reputation...and I pray that when the time comes for congregation members of Barah Ministries to meet the Lord, that they really know Him and they really know who he is, not some bastardized version of Him that has been sold by the kingdom of darkness. It’s a simple request, yet one that occupies much of my waking moments. I ask myself what I can do to make that moment when you meet your Lord special for you.

We are studying the book of romans, and we are ready to move to our third passage in Romans. Let’s remind ourselves of the first two passages before we move on to the third...turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 1, verse 1...

**/FIRST ROMANS PASSAGE**

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 1 to 7

ROM 1:1

*This letter is written by me, Paul, a bond-servant and voluntary slave of Christ Jesus by my own choice, by the calling of God an apostle, and set apart by God the Father for the dissemination of the gospel message of God the Father, as a minister... \*

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In Matthew, Chapter 23, Verse 11...He who would choose to become great among you would become your minister...your *diakonos*...your *doulos*...

/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... \*

Paul, the most imperfect human being ever, was sent to us by God to preach the most important message ever...a message about what God was willing to do for imperfect and fallen creatures. God chose His greatest enemy, Paul, to become His greatest apostle. What a phenomenal attitude our God has toward the weak! What is your attitude toward the weaknesses of others? What is your attitude toward your own weaknesses?

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

/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... \*

As believers in Christ we are set apart to a high calling...as believers in Christ we are set apart both by a choice and by an action of God for a special calling...for a specific manner of being...and for specific actions that arise from our state of being...

/ROM 1:6

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

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We have a God who loves us no matter what. God is love. He loves us unconditionally. There is nothing we can do to make Him love us more. There is nothing we can do to make Him love us less. His love for us never changes. His love for us is not limited by any boundary, especially not one of human creation.

/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 the calling of God, the holy and set apart ones: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.\*

Notice the personal nature of our relationship with God...beloved... divinely loved ones.

The first seven verses of Romans, Chapter 1 introduces us to Paul, to his choices, to his calling, and the verses introduce us to our charge as believers as well...turn to First Corinthians, Chapter 15...our charge is to once accepting salvation, to hold fast to that salvation...to being the special nature of this salvation constantly to mind...

/1CO 15:1

*Now I (Paul) make known to you, brethren (believers in Christ), the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received (accepted), in which (grace) also you stand... \*

/1CO 15:2

*...by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.\*

I want to emphasize this point...we are to hold fast every single word that proceeds from the mouth of our God, according to Matthew, Chapter 4, Verse 1 to 4...

/MAT 4:1

*Then Jesus was led up by (God) the (Holy) Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil (the enemy of God).\*

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/MAT 4:2

*And after He (the Lord Jesus Christ) had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.\*

/MAT 4:3

*And the tempter (Satan) came and said to Him, “If (I) You are the Son of God (and I know you are), command that these stones become bread.”\*

/MAT 4:4

*But He (the Lord Jesus Christ) answered (Satan) and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD (physical food) ALONE, BUT (man shall live) ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”\*

God loved the world...God gave His Son...God hates sin but loves the sinner...this points out the significance of biblical study and it calls on you to approach biblical study with a different mindset than you approach the rest of your existence. It calls on you to approach biblical study from the standpoint of engagement. Are you engaged in biblical study, or is this one of those things where you just go through the motions? Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

*When I Think About Home\*

Welcome back...

/SECOND ROMANS PASSAGE

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 8 to 15

/ROM 1:8

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

/ROM 1:9

*For God the Father, whom I Paul serve in my human spirit by 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...\*

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/ROM 1:10

*...always in my prayers making requests, even making petitions for myself as well, if perhaps now, at last, by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.\*

/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...\*

/ROM 1:12

*...that is, that I, Paul, may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us being encouraged by the other's faith, both your faith encouraging me and my faith encouraging you.\*

/ROM 1:13

*I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, you believers in Rome, that often I have planned to come to you and have been prevented by God so far...I want to come so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as I obtain fruit among the rest of the Gentiles.\*

/ROM 1:14

*I am under obligation both to people who speak Greeks and to barbarians (people who don't speak Greek), both to the wise (who are believers in Christ) and to the foolish (who are unbelievers).\*

/ROM 1:15

*So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel, as a minister, to you also who are in Rome.\*

/THIRD ROMANS PASSAGE

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 16 to 18

/ROM 1:16

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.\*

/ROM 1:17

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

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/ROM 1:18

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.\*

We can call this the passage with the four “fors...”

/FIRST “FOR”

For I am not ashamed of the gospel...\

Paul is bold, and he was not afraid...he was actually eager to preach the gospel in the city which could easily be called the harlot of the world... Rome...thus Paul, like Christ, is “despising the shame” by being eager to preach in Rome.

/SECOND “FOR”

For it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek...\

To believe is to simply obey. What is the message of Christ? Obey it. Period. Proclaim it. Period. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that by believing, I have eternal life in His name. CHRIST is the ONLY the righteous One. That’s who I believe in. And He has proven to me, beyond a reasonable doubt, with the account to of His Death, Burial, Resurrection (seen by many witnesses), Ascension, and Session (being seated at the right hand of God the Father), that He is who He claims to be...Look at First Corinthians, Chapter 15...we’ll repeat the first two verses then move on from there...

/1CO 15:1

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/1CO 15:2

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/1CO 15:3

*For I (Paul) delivered to you as of first importance what I also received (the gospel from God), that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures... \*

/1CO 15:4

*...and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... \*

/1CO 15:5

*...and that He appeared to Cephas (Simon Peter), then to the twelve (a nickname for the apostles even though Judas was gone...in fact, quite crafty since it includes Paul).\*

/1CO 15:6

*After that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain (alive) until now, but some have fallen asleep (are physically dead)... \*

/1CO 15:7

*...then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles... \*

/1CO 15:8

*...and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.\*

/1CO 15:9

*For I (Paul) am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.\*

/1CO 15:10

*But by the grace of God I am what I am (an apostle by calling, and a minister of the gospel), and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I (doing the labor), but the grace of God with me (doing the labor).\*

To those who ridicule and reject the gospel message, they are free to do so...yet the message stands...and asks a penetrating question...

/What is your choice?

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Salvation or Perdition\

/THIRD “FOR”

For in the gospel of Christ the righteousness of God is revealed from (your) faith to (those few who have) faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”\

God so loved the world though...because God IS love...God loved us so much that He put His holy and righteous claims against us on the back of a substitute...

/FOURTH “FOR”

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.\

For those of you who choose to go your own way...know that wrath is to be unleashed against you at your request. Ungodliness is direct disregard for God. Unrighteousness is wicked conduct which disregards the truth of the gospel message.

Bible study is news from home for believers in Christ...Revelation, Chapter 2, Verse 7 says...

/REV 2:7

*‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’\*

As we look with penetrating eyes and ears at this third passage of Romans, Chapter 1, I hope that you begin to experience in your souls the power our God put inside of us at the moment of salvation...and imputed righteousness that is mind boggling in its scope of greatness.

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**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 SONG**

Count it All Joy\

**/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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