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**/Welcome To
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a Christian Church
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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

His Eye is on the Sparrow\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. Let's place our cares into the hands of the One who cares for us...our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The opening song is HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW.

/OPENING PRAYER

*Let us pray... *

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

Thank you for the privilege of revealing the wonder of Your Son...help us to comprehend the righteousness You have revealed to us...

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – The Righteousness Revealed From God is Our Only Hope

Let's begin with the offering. Welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall.

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Deacon Denny Goodall\

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/OFFERING VERSE

1PE 2:24

...and He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

/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

I Give You My Heart

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To the resident members of Barah Ministries *and* to the soon-to-be resident members of Barah Ministries, who live throughout the world... **grace and peace to you** from our Almighty God.

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Thank you Deacon Denny for your excellent offering message...especially for the verse of choice...First Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 24...

/1PE 2:24

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

What a beautiful moment...like a lamb before the shearers is silent, so our Savior opened not His mouth as He bore the sins of the world on His back...in His own true humanity on a Cross...He was born sinless...He lived a sinless life in spite of the greatest temptations of all time for anyone...Hebrews, Chapter 4, Verse 15 says...

/HEB 4:15

For we do not have a high priest (in the Lord Jesus Christ) who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One (a high priest) who has been tempted in all things (just) as we are (tempted in all things), yet (He) without sin.

The Lord Jesus Christ is righteous. He is the Only Righteous One. Revelation, Chapter 15, Verse 4 asks...

/REV 15:4

“Who will not fear, O Lord (Jesus Christ), and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED.”

The Lord’s righteousness is manifest throughout the earth, in the past, and now, and to the day of eternity.

As we close out the introduction of Paul’s letter to the Romans, we must look at this magnificent and priceless gift we have from the Lord called righteousness. We have had many stops along the way in our tour of the introduction, but none as important as this one. Romans, Chapter 1, beginning at Verse 16 begins The Four FORS passage...the third passage in our Romans Chapter 1 introduction study...

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Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 16 to 18

ROM 1:16a

FOR I am not ashamed of the gospel (of God)...

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ROM 1:16b

FOR the gospel (of God) is the power of God the Father for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first (chronologically), and also to the Greek.

Here is the verse we highlight in this lesson...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 17...

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One of the most significant gifts that we have received from our God is absolute righteousness. God demands righteousness for relationship. The righteousness revealed from god is our only hope.

A Pastor who is the shepherd of self-righteous, legalistic and religious sheep who come from the likes of Roman Catholicism, and from the Jehovah’s Witnesses, and from the Southern Baptists, and from Systematic Theology, just to name a few, has to be careful at first as to how he portrays God to his sheep. People from these backgrounds have a distorted view of God. They have been taught that our God is a tyrant who is counting their sins against them, who loves them conditionally as long as they don’t sin, and who is out

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to get them when they do sin. To the trained among us, well versed in biblical study, we know this is not our God.

Yet simultaneously, such a Pastor must also let such sheep know that God does NOT accept our righteousness...Isaiah, Chapter 64, Verse 6...

/ISA 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean (a woman who is menstruating), and all our (self)-righteous deeds are like a filthy garment (a used tampon...menstrual rags)...

God hates sin. Sin is as repugnant to God as a used tampon is to human beings. As Pastors, we must never “soft soap” God to the point where our sheep don’t understand one thing clearly...God hates our sins. God hates the nature to sin. God hates unrighteousness. Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18...

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ROM 1:18

FOR the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and (against all) unrighteousness of men (unbelievers) who suppress the truth (of the gospel) in unrighteousness.

God has wrath, and He exercises it against unrighteousness. And when we begin the study of the next passage in beginning with Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18, we will clearly see God’s wrath directed toward unrighteousness. If God were okay with unrighteousness, He would not have said this to us through the apostle John...First John, Chapter 1, Verse 9...

/1JO 1:9

If (3) we (unbelievers) confess (agree with God completely concerning) our sins (and our sinfulness from physical birth...maybe you will and maybe you won’t...you have a choice), He (God the Father) is faithful (he always does the same thing) and righteous (free from sin Himself thus completely qualified) to forgive us (unbelievers of) our sins and (He is free) to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (by imputing His own righteousness to us).

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Believers in Christ have no need to be cleansed from unrighteousness...that cleansing happens at the new birth...when we are born again...when God imputes His own righteousness to us. God is not fond of unrighteousness. Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18...

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Satan was the initiator of unrighteousness. Turn in your bibles to Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verse 12...

/EZE 28:12

“Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “You (Satan) had the seal of perfection, (you were) full of wisdom and (you were) perfect in beauty.”

/EZE 28:13

“You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared.”

/EZE 28:14

“You were the anointed cherub who covers (the bodyguard angel), and I (the Lord Jesus Christ) placed you there (in that position). You were on the holy mountain of God (in the third heaven); You walked in the midst of the stones of fire (the throne room of heaven).”

/EZE 28:15

“You (Satan) were blameless in your ways from the day you were created UNTIL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS WAS FOUND IN YOU.”

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/EZE 28:16

“By the abundance of your trade (the trafficking of slander) you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; therefore I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.”

/EZE 28:17

“Your heart was lifted up (in arrogance) because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I (the Lord Jesus Christ) cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you.”

/EZE 28:18

“By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade (the trafficking of slander) you profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have brought fire from the midst of you; it has consumed you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the eyes of all who see you.”

/EZE 28:19

“All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to be forever.”

The unrighteous ones will experience the wrath of God. The righteousness revealed from God is every creature’s only hope. Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

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Righteousness.

There are none righteous, not even one creature, yet God our Father took care of this problem. For thirty-three years God the Father watched His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, prove beyond a shadow of doubt, that sin is a choice...it is not automatic. He watched His Son live righteousness. It excited God the father son much that He decided to give this righteousness to all who would believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The righteous man shall live by faith...faith in the Lord Jesus Christ...in His Person...in His Word...in His Work...Genesis, Chapter 15, Verse 6...

/GEN 15:6

Then he (Abraham) believed in the Lord (Jesus Christ in His pre-incarnate state in the past); and He (the Lord Jesus Christ) reckoned it to him (Abraham, in the past) as righteousness.

The only way to get the righteousness of God is to get it as a gift through faith. It cannot be earned...it cannot be worked for. And when God gives us His righteousness we are pardoned, we are complete through our union with Christ, we are purged of guilt, and we produce fruit. We know of the fruit of the Spirit that is a result of Christian production...Galatians, Chapter 5, Verses 22 and 23...

/GAL 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

But there are only nine items here...ten is the number of perfection...so where is the tenth fruit...check Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 11...

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/HEB 12:11

All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Righteousness is a fruit. Righteousness is something the believer in Christ is able to produce through the gifts God gives to him. Turn to Philippians, Chapter 3, Verse 8...

/PHI 3:8

More than that, I (Paul) count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ...

/PHI 3:9

...and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that (righteousness) which is (a gift) through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith...

/PHI 3:10

...that I may know Him and (that I may know) the power of His resurrection and (that I may know) the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...

/PHI 3:11

...in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Thus the legalist in us must not be content with the stamp of righteousness we get at the moment of salvation. We believers must understand that righteousness must be lived.

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believer in Christ) SHALL LIVE BY FAITH (by placing his confidence in God).”

Righteousness that is obtained by faith...acknowledges that righteousness is imputed...that when it is appropriated by faith, it must be accepted as a gift that has been done for us...and it is accepted by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ...in His Person...in His Word...in His Work. Look at First John, Chapter 3, Verse 7...

/1JO 3:7

*Little children (believers in Christ), make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He (the Lord Jesus Christ) is righteous... *

/1JO 3:8

*...the one who practices sin (unbelievers) is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. *

/ROM 3:21

*But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets... *

/ROM 3:22

*...even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction... *

/ROM 3:23

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... *

/ROM 3:24

*...being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus... *

/ROM 3:25

*...whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed... *

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/ROM 3:26

...for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

/ROM 3:27

Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

/ROM 3:28

For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

We have a lot to look forward to in our study of Romans. One thing we have to look forward to is something many of us have never considered, “How do I live as a righteous one, by faith?”

Leave it to our wonderful God to teach us how.

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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

I Am\

/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.

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