

**ROMANS**  
**Lesson 75– February 16, 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

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High\

As God prepares your soul to receive refreshment, let's turn the cares of our  
lives over to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our God, the living Word, and  
let's prepare to hear the Lord's exact thinking, the written Word. We begin  
by worshipping Him in song. The opening song is LORD, I LIFT YOUR  
NAME ON HIGH.

**/LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

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Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us\

**/LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

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To show the way  
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My debt to pay  
From the Cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
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**/LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

Lord, I lift Your name...Your name up high  
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Lord, I lift Your name, Your name up high  
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**/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...

Thank you for loving us unconditionally...you see the depth of the depravity in the hearts of your creatures, yet you love us all the same...thank you...and all the times we fail to obey you, you love us the same...and when we turn down your offer of a "so great" salvation...you love us anyway...and that leads us to conclude that aside from Your Person and Your Word, Your Unconditional Love is the most powerful force in the universe...

Show us how to reflect Your Unconditional Love to others...show us how to feel your Unconditional Love inside of us, especially in the way we see ourselves...

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

**/TODAY'S STUDY**

**Romans 1: Are believers in Christ sinners?\**

To the resident members of Barah Ministries *and* to the non-resident members of Barah Ministries, especially those who are soon-to-be resident members...to all those who listen to Barah Ministries lessons who are currently dispersed far and wide throughout the world...especially to our faithful friends in Australia...**grace and peace and Happy Valentine's Day** to you from God the Father...from God the Son...from God the Holy Spirit...and from the uniquely born one...the central figure in divine history...the manifest member of the Godhead...the God-Man...one hundred percent God and one hundred percent true humanity in One Person forever, to the glorified One...the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

You are the object of God's unconditional love. Valentine's Day is a celebration of this love...First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13c...

/1CO 13:13c

*...and the greatest of these is unconditional love.\*

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God loves you unconditionally...which means He will never love you more than He loves you now...He will never love you less than He loves you now...there is nothing you can do to change His love for you...you cannot disappoint God...ever...you are the object of His unconditional love for all eternity. God created you...you are His Creature...and His love for you has no requirements. It is one of the greatest gifts you will ever receive.

I love you, too. Happy Valentine's Day. It is only right for me to feel this way about all of you, because of the concern I have for you in my heart. I am happy that you are partakers of God's grace and peace and unconditional love with me. I am happy that you share in my desire to ensure that everyone with whom we come in contact is exposed to an accurate version of the gospel message.

We are the victims of God's love. We can jump for joy as believers in Christ the day we finally understand how God sees us. It is much more important how God sees us, than how we see ourselves. When we can climb onto God the father's shoulders and see ourselves as He sees us, we will be intimately aware of the deep, intimate and personal feelings He has for us. How God sees us is unadulterated by the lies and the heresy preached by liars, which we have chosen to adopt, instead of adopting the true and unadulterated Word of God. We jump for joy when we finally understand that we believers in Christ are neither ungodly nor unrighteous. We can jump for joy as believers in Christ joy the day we finally realize how powerful the Lord Jesus Christ is...He is God...and He has all the power. We can jump for joy when we realize that we are in union with the Lord Jesus Christ, and as a result we are not, in any way, like unbelievers. However, as we transition into the next passage of Romans, Chapter 1, we will learn that we must never forget where we came from, nor can we forget how we got where we are...in an unbreakable relationship with the Sovereign of the Universe, the Lord Jesus Christ. We did not get there by our own works. Titus, Chapter 3, Verses 3 to 7...

/TIT 3:3

*For we also once were foolish ourselves (while unbelievers), disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.\*

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/TIT 3:4

*But when the kindness of God our Savior (the Lord Jesus Christ) and His (unconditional) love for mankind appeared... \*

/TIT 3:5

*He (God the Father) saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in (self)-righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and (through) renewing by the (baptism of God the) Holy Spirit... \*

/TIT 3:6

*...whom He (God the Father) poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior... \*

/TIT 3:7

*...so that being justified by His (God the Father's) grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. \*

Let's start with a question. Write down your answer; don't blurt it out. If you listened to the lesson last week, you now know that believers in Christ are neither ungodly, nor unrighteous according to Scripture. How about this question before we move into the next passage...as a believer in Christ, are you a sinner?

You have written your answer from the inventory of truth in your soul, but here's the next question...are you deceived? Revelation, Chapter 12, Verse 9 says you are...

/REV 12:9

*And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. \*

Satan, the enemy of God, is the ruler of this world...Satan is a deceiver... and his whole system of power, his whole system of power and organization is designed to send messages to you with the intent to deceive you...his whole objective is to make you indifferent or antagonistic to God. Satan's system works. The Lord Jesus Christ warns us that Satan's system works...Matthew, Chapter 24, Verse 24 says...

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/MAT 24:24

*“For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.”\*

Why? Because the Jews long for signs and wonders...they are empiricists...and Satan accommodates them. Second Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 3 says...

/2CO 11:3

*But I (Paul) am afraid that, (just) as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray (by Satan) from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.\*

You *are* deceived. Satan is a crafty one. Satan is an insidious one. But you don't have to save deceptions in your soul. When God shows you that you are deceived in His Word, purge the deception from your soul and replace it with the truth.

So now I ask you...are you, believer in Christ, a sinner?

When I ask you a question, your mind should surface one single thought... what does the bible have to say about what my Pastor just asked? In this matter, does the New Testament, the instruction set for the Church Age believer, the group of believers who have become believers in the period after Christ's death on a Cross, His burial, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension and His seating at the right hand of God the Father...does it ever call a believer in Christ a sinner? Let's look...turn to Luke, Chapter 6, Verse 31...the Lord Jesus Christ is talking to His newly selected apostles and to His technical students who the bible calls His disciples...

/LUK 6:31

*“Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.”\*

/LUK 6:32

*“If (I) you love those who love you (and of course you do), what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.”\*

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/LUK 6:33

*“If (I) you do good to those who do good to you (and of course you do), what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.”\*

/LUK 6:34

*“If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive (and of course you do), what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount.”\*

/LUK 6:35

*“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.”\*

/LUK 6:36

*“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”\*

In this passage, if you look at it closely, “sinners” is a reference to unbelievers. Turn in your bible to Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 6...

/ROM 5:6

*For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.\*

Who are the ungodly? Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 7...

/ROM 5:7

*For one will hardly die for a righteous man (a believer in Christ); though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.\*

Who are the righteous men? Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8...

/ROM 5:8

*But God (the Father) demonstrates His own love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners (unbelievers), Christ died for us.\*

Who are the sinners?

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/ROM 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we (believers in Christ) shall be saved from the wrath of God (the Father) through (believing in) Him (the Lord Jesus Christ).\

/ROM 5:10

*For if (I) while we were enemies we were reconciled to God (the Father) through the death of His Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), much more, having been reconciled, we (believers in Christ) shall be saved (delivered) by His (Zoe) life (the resurrection life...the eternal life).\*

/ROM 5:11

*And not only this, but we also exult in God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.\*

Look at Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 19...

/ROM 5:19

*For as through the one man (Adam's) disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One (the Lord Jesus Christ) the many will be made righteous.\*

Believers in Christ... God does not consider you to be a sinner! God considers you to be a saint! You are righteous! Christ and the Cross made a big difference in your life!

Take a five-minute break!

/BREAK

*Who Am I*

*When I Think About Home\*

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<UNRIGHTEOUS UNGODLY SINNERS SLIDE>

Once you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ you are justified! You are declared totally righteous by God. Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 29 and 30...

/ROM 8:29

*For those whom He (God the Father) foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) would be the firstborn among many brethren...\*

/ROM 8:30

*...and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.\*

Turn to First Timothy, Chapter 1, Verse 8...

/1TI 1:8

*But we know that the (Mosaic) Law is good, if one uses it lawfully...\*

/1TI 1:9

*...realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers...\*

/1TI 1:10

*...and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching...\*

/1TI 1:11

*...according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted.\*

The law was made to bring to the attention of those who are ungodly and who practice unrighteousness that they are in need of a Savior...

Turn to First Peter, Chapter 4, Verse 17...

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/1PE 4:17

*For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?\*

/1PE 4:18

**AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?\**

Sinner is a reference to unbelievers...godless men.

As believers in Christ we are under obligation to read the New Testament then to study the New Testament and then to know the New Testament and then to apply the New Testament and not necessarily in that order. Have you read the New Testament? Or have you “delegated” that responsibility to your Pastor? Again...you believers in Christ are not ungodly, nor unrighteous, nor a sinner. You are godly and righteous and a saint. Luke, Chapter 5, Verses 31 and 32...

/LUK 5:31-32

*And Jesus answered and said to them, It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.//I have not come to call the righteous but (I have come to call) sinners (unbelievers) to repentance (to a change of mind about Christ).”\*

When you become a master of the New Testament you will know that. When the New Testament is the first place you go for information, you will know that. When you stop placing your deliverance in the hand of Pastors, you will know this. When you stop demeaning yourself and telling yourself that you are too stupid to understand the bible, then you will be on the way to living the Christian Way of Life and to walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. Acts, Chapter 17, Verse 11 says...

/ACT 17:11

*Now these (believers at Berea) were more noble-minded than those (believers) in Thessalonica, for they received the word (of God from Paul) with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.\*

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You are not ungodly. You are not unrighteous. You are not a sinner. When you sin, you are not the one doing the sinning. The old dead self, the part of you that has passed away, is doing the sinning. Your part is that you are presenting yourself as available to this dead part of yourself that is doing dead works...Romans, Chapter 6, Verses 11...

/ROM 6:11

*Even so (believers in Christ) consider yourselves to be dead to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature), but alive to God (the Father) in (unbreakable union with) Christ Jesus.\*

/ROM 6:12

*Therefore do not let (the dead) sin (nature) reign (as Sovereign) in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts...\*

/ROM 6:13

*...and do not go on presenting the members of your body to (the) sin (nature) as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those (who are) alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.\*

/ROM 6:14

*For sin shall not be master over you, for you (Church Age believers) are not under (the Mosaic) law but (you are) under (the law of) grace.\*

Now back to Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 18...

/ROM 1:18

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

God's wrath is aimed at spiritual death...at sinners...even though God loves sinners unconditionally... God's wrath is aimed at the sin nature...at sin...at ungodliness...at unrighteousness...God's wrath is not aimed at believers in Christ. God's peace is the free gift directed toward those who believe in Christ. God has nothing against you.

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I was ungodly. I was unrighteous. I was a sinner. Now I am godly. Now I am righteous. Now I am a saint. Praise God!

Are believers in Christ considered to be sinners by God? Absolutely not! Check it out for yourself.

**/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 SONG**

O Happy Day\

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

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