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Lesson 3–July 11, 2021

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a Christian Church

Rory Clark
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Good Morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...an intimate, local Christian Church with worldwide impact. My name is Pastor Rory Clark. Welcome to this Bible lesson! Who is Jesus Christ? At Barah Ministries we know this truth...that Jesus Christ is God. In John, Chapter 10, Verses 24 to 26, Jewish leaders challenge Jesus to identify Himself...

JOHN 10:24

The Jews then gathered around Jesus, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If [1] (it’s true for the sake of argument) ... You are the Christ (the Jewish Messiah) ... tell us plainly.”

JOHN 10:25

Jesus answered them, “I told you already...and you do not believe...even the works that I do in My Father’s name...these works testify of Me (they give clear and irrefutable evidence that I am God).”

JOHN 10:26

“But you do not believe...because you are not My sheep (you’re unbelievers).”

If Jesus was the only one to claim that He is God, it would not be enough. In Jewish jurisprudence, a testimony becomes believable when it is supported by the testimony of two or three witnesses. The Lord’s works, done at the request of God the Father, are one testimony. John the Baptist gave testimony as well...in John, Chapter 1, Verse 29...

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JOHN 1:29

...John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him, and said, “Behold... this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

God the Father also testified that Jesus is the Christ in Matthew, Chapter 17, Verse 5...

MATTHEW 17:5

While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed Jesus, James and John, and behold, a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son (the Lord... God the Son)...with whom I am well pleased...listen to Him!”

Every time believers in Christ enjoy the Lord’s Supper, we too testify that Jesus is the Christ...God the Son in human form. Colossians, Chapter 2, Verse 9 affirm it...

COLOSSIANS 2:9

For in Jesus...the Christ...all the fullness of Deity lives in bodily form...

Why does Barah Ministries exist? At Barah Ministries, we introduce people to the Lord. We make a difference by teaching the Word of God verse-by-verse from the Lord’s perspective and not from man’s perspective. Barah Ministries is provided by God for the benefit of unbelievers, to give them the gospel message...the good news concerning Jesus Christ’s salvation offer. Barah Ministries is provided by God for the benefit of Christians as well, those of us who want a deep, intimate, and personal relationship with the Lord through the study of His Word.

Why do we study the Word of God? The apostle John’s testimony couldn’t have said it better...John, Chapter 20, Verse 31...

JOHN 20:31

...these things written in the Bible have been written so that you may BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ (The Jewish Messiah) ... the Son of God (in human form) ... and that by believing in Him you may have the resurrection life in His name.

God has an enemy...Satan...whom God made ‘the ruler of this world.’ In John, Chapter 12, Verse 31, the Lord says...

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JOHN 12:31

“Now judgment is upon this world...now the ruler of this world (Satan) will be cast out (he will be dethroned at a future time).”

God created us to be dependent creatures. He wants us to depend on Him... and why wouldn't we want to depend on the most powerful Being in the Universe? Satan seeks to control our will by making us arrogant so that we will act independently from God. Satan wants us to depend on him.

Satan wants us to think we can be “God-like.” It's the first step of many of Satan getting us to think we don't need God. He lures us into thinking that we can run a “do it yourself” spiritual life. I can't tell you how many people have told me that depending on God is a crutch. They're right! And He's the only crutch we need. Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 25 says...

ROMANS 1:25

For those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness...(unbelievers)... exchanged the truth of God for a lie...and worshiped and served the creature (Satan)...rather than the Creator who created the creature (and them) ... He who is the blessed One forever. Amen.

Whenever you think you're depending on self, you're really depending on Satan, the ruler of this world, because you're buying into his rebellion against God. By believing his lies you make yourself a sucker for his insidious deceptions. It's best to depend on the One who created you!

TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON

Don't Let Human Philosophy Blind You to Truth

LESSON INTRODUCTION

Whenever a new church is budding, the ruler of this world, Satan, sends his ambassadors into the church to ruin it. Such was the case in the church at Colossae...the recipients of the next letter that we are studying...written by the apostle Paul. In today's lesson we'll overview the problem in the church at Colossae, and as we do every month, we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper. In today's Lord's Supper lesson, we'll learn how we became reconciled to God.

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SONG INTRODUCTION

When we place our confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, we have hope. One thing we hope for is the certainty that once we are saved, we are saved for all time... John, Chapter 10, Verse 28 guarantees it...

JOHN 10:28

“...I (the Lord Jesus Christ) give eternal life to believers in Christ, and they will never perish...and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”

Here’s Danny Gokey to remind us in his song...HOPE IN FRONT OF ME.

MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

HOPE IN FRONT OF ME

Danny Gokey

<INSERT SONG LYRICS>

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OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...

We’re grateful, Heavenly Father, for the privilege of studying Your absolute truth...the Word of God...

Father, thank you for taking care of things that are plaguing us, even before we know it...thank you for all the things You do to protect our health...
thank you for all the things You do to extend our lives...thank you for all the things You do to mend our relationships...thank you for all the things You

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do to provide for our well-being, especially providing us with the promises in the Word of God...

...remove all impurity of thought, word, and deed from us...help us to walk in a manner worthy of You...show us how to love others as You do...give us the courage to lead them to a relationship with the Lord, Your Son...

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

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We continue our overview of Paul's letter to the Colossians. In listening to the first chapter, we learned that Paul starts the letter with the solution to the Colossian problems...CHRIST. The next questions we answer in our overview of Paul's letter to the Colossians are...

When did Paul write the letter?

62AD

Where was Paul when he wrote the letter?

He was in prison in Rome.

What was God's purpose in getting Paul to write the letter?

To get an answer to this question, let's listen to Colossians, Chapter 2, Verses 1 to 23 to see what the problem is...

COLOSSIANS 2:1

For I (Paul) want you to know how great a struggle I have on behalf of all of you (Colossian believers) and for all of those (believers) who are at Laodicea...and for all those (believers) who have not personally seen my face...

COLOSSIANS 2:2

...that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in

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unconditional love, and having attained all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding...resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself...

COLOSSIANS 2:3

...in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

COLOSSIANS 2:4

I (Paul) say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument.

COLOSSIANS 2:5

For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:6

Therefore, just as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord...so walk in union with Him...

COLOSSIANS 2:7

...having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

COLOSSIANS 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception...according to the tradition of men...according to the elementary principles of the world...rather than according to Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:9

For in the Christ all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form...

COLOSSIANS 2:10

...and in union with Christ you have been made complete...and He is the head over all rule and over all authority...

COLOSSIANS 2:11

...and in union with Him, you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh (a total break from the flesh) by (means of) the circumcision of Christ...

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COLOSSIANS 2:12

...having been buried with Him in baptism, in which baptism you were also raised up with Him ... (resurrected from the dead) through faith...by the working of God the Father, who raised Christ from the dead.

COLOSSIANS 2:13

When you were spiritually dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God the Father made you spiritually alive together with the Christ, having forgiven us all our transgressions...

COLOSSIANS 2:14

...having canceled out the certificate of debt (the written code) consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us...and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the Cross.

COLOSSIANS 2:15

When God the Father had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:16

Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—

COLOSSIANS 2:17

...things which are a mere shadow of what is to come...but the substance of things...(the reality)...belongs to Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:18

Let no one keep on defrauding you of your prize (the freedom of the resurrection life) by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind...

COLOSSIANS 2:19

...and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God the Father.

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COLOSSIANS 2:20

If you have died with Christ, and of course you have, to the elementary principles of the world...why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as...

COLOSSIANS 2:21

“Do not handle...do not taste...do not touch!”

COLOSSIANS 2:22

... (which all refer to things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

COLOSSIANS 2:23

These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

This chapter highlights the four problems plaguing the Colossian church...false teachers from false teaching...selling them with...

THE FOUR THIEVES OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Worldly Philosophy	Mysticism
Asceticism	Legalism

We have something to look forward to when we study this amazing chapter. When we return from the break, we'll take the offering, and then we'll enjoy the Lord's Supper Celebration.

FIVE MINUTE BREAK

NOBODY

Casting Crowns

TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON

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Nike has it right about living...JUST DO IT! At Barah Ministries, we have it right about generosity...JUST GIVE IT! Let's welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall with one of his always inspiring offering messages.

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THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall

OFFERING VERSE

FIRST JOHN 3:17

But whoever has the world's goods...and sees his brother in need...and closes his heart against him (a lack of deep emotional concern for him)... how does the unconditional love of God the Father abide in him?

OFFERING SONG

HAVEN'T SEEN IT YET

Danny Gokey

THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION

At the Cross, the Lord Jesus Christ Reconciled Us to His Father

Welcome to The Lord's Supper Celebration! It's a regular observance for believers in Christ to set aside time to think about the deep, intimate and personal relationship we have with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we reflect, we look back to the Cross...the most intimate moment in divine history...and we remember the Lord's words in John, Chapter 15, Verse 13...

JOHN 15:13

Greater love has no one than this...that one lay down his life for his friends.

The Lord laid down His life for us at the Cross...He was buried...and on the third day, He was resurrected from the dead to prove that He is who He says He is...the Sovereign God of the Universe and the Jewish Messiah who holds all things together by the Word of His power.

Every month we obey the Lord's command in First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 26...

FIRST CORINTHIANS 11:26a

...as often as you eat this bread (representing His body)...and as often as you drink this cup (representing His blood)...as part of The Lord's Supper Celebration...

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FIRST CORINTHIANS 11:26b

...you proclaim as a reality and you announce the significance of the Lord Jesus Christ's death on the Cross...and His resurrection from the dead... until He comes again at the second coming.

In this sacred celebration, we commune with the Lord. We enjoy the elements...the bread and the wine...and as we do, we remember our dependence on the Lord Jesus Christ, both for our physical sustenance and for our spiritual sustenance.

When you think of the word treason...who comes to mind? Perhaps the name of one of the greatest generals in United States Military history comes to mind...Benedict Arnold...whose name has become synonymous with treason. Before he decided to sell out his country to the British, reportedly he was quite an accomplished leader. What is treason?

TREASON

A betrayal...a violation of allegiance...an attempt to overthrow a Sovereign or a government.

What is the most egregious act of treason ever perpetrated in the human realm? It's Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In Genesis, Chapter 2, Verses 16 and 17, the Lord gave instructions to the first man...Adam...

GENESIS 2:16

The Lord God commanded Adam, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely..."

GENESIS 2:17

"...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Adam and Eve rejected God's instructions, disrespected their relationship with God, and caused the fall of the entire human race. Genesis, Chapter 3, Verse 6...

GENESIS 3:6

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she

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took from its fruit and ate...and she gave the fruit also to her husband with who was with her...and he ate.

Adam and Eve decided to become God’s enemy. It was not God’s wish for them...it was their choice for themselves. Satan did the exact same thing in the angelic realm. He chose to make God an enemy and caused the fall of all angelic creatures. Isaiah, Chapter 14, Verses 13 and 14...

ISAIAH 14:13

“But you (Satan) said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to the third heaven... I will raise my throne above the stars of God (the angels in the second heaven)...and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north (the first heaven...the atmosphere surrounding the earth).

ISAIAH 14:14

“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds (taking over the function of God) ... I will make myself like the Most High.”

Satan’s fall caused the fall of ALL angelic creatures...Adam’s fall caused the fall of ALL human creatures...and the broken relationship between God and His creatures needed to be restored. The fall of creatures created a breach between God and creatures...an enmity. What is enmity?

ENMITY

A feeling or a condition of hostility...hatred...ill will...animosity... antagonism.

Genesis, Chapter 3, Verse 8...

GENESIS 3:8

Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God (Jehovah Elohim...God the Son) walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

What caused the breakdown in the relationship? Sin...the voluntary choice to disobey God. In the human realm, here was the result...Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 12...

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ROMANS 5:12

...just as through one man, Adam, sin entered into the world...and spiritual death entered the world through sin...so spiritual death spread to all men... because all men were considered by God to have sinned...when Adam sinned...

If you ever wonder why you were born physically alive and spiritually dead, now you know. The relationship between man and God was broken. It needed to be mended. What is reconciliation?

RECONCILIATION

The restoration of friendly relations...when former enemies agree to an amicable truce...bringing back a state of harmony.

The funny thing about this reconciliation is that it was not initiated by the perpetrators. It was initiated by the Person who was wronged. Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 19 and 20...

COLOSSIANS 1:19

For it was God the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness (of Deity) to dwell in Jesus...the Christ...

COLOSSIANS 1:20

...and through Jesus to reconcile all things to Himself...having made peace through the blood of Jesus' Cross...through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Reconciliation is something we as human beings would never consider doing without God's prompting. God did it without prompting in the most sacrificial way...First Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 24...

FIRST PETER 2:24

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

You were healed means you were reconciled to God the Father. The result is nothing short of miraculous. Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 21 and 22...

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COLOSSIANS 1:21

And although you were formerly alienated...and hostile in mind...engaged in evil deeds...

COLOSSIANS 1:22

...yet Jesus Christ has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death on a Cross) in order to present you before God the Father holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

What is it that God the Father blessed us with through Christ? Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verses 18 to 21...

SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:18

Now all these blessings are from God the Father, who reconciled us to Himself through the Christ...and gave us believers in Christ the ministry of reconciliation...

SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:19

...namely that God the Father was...through Christ...reconciling the world to Himself...not counting their trespasses against them, and God the Father has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:20

Therefore, we believers in Christ are ambassadors for Christ...as though God the Father were making an appeal through us (because He is!) ... we beg you on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God the Father.

The sacrifice of reconciliation. Jesus Christ repaired the breach between us and God the Father. We are reconciled by His work on the Cross... Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 11 to 19...

EPHESIANS 2:11

Therefore, remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision” ... a circumcision which is performed in the flesh by human hands—

EPHESIANS 2:12

...remember that you were at that time separate from Christ...excluded from citizenship in the commonwealth of Israel (God’s Chosen Nation)...

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strangers to the covenants of promise (and not allowed to participate in them) ... having no hope (not waiting for a Messiah)...and without a relationship with God in the world.

EPHESIANS 2:13

BUT NOW in union with Christ Jesus you (Gentiles) who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ (shed at the Cross).

EPHESIANS 2:14

For Jesus Himself is our peace...who made both groups (Jews and Gentiles) into one (new group)...and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall...

EPHESIANS 2:15

...by abolishing in His flesh (His earthly body) the enmity, which is the Mosaic Law of commandments contained in ordinances...so that in Himself He might make the two groups into one new man (the new creation) thus establishing peace...

EPHESIANS 2:16

...and so He might reconcile them both in one body to God the Father through the Cross...by the Cross having put to death the enmity.

EPHESIANS 2:17

And Jesus came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near...

EPHESIANS 2:18

...for through Jesus, we both have our (direct) access in one (God the Holy Spirit) to the God Father.

EPHESIANS 2:19

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens...but you are fellow citizens with the saints...and you are of God's household...

What God has done for us, reconciliation, through the Cross, He expects us to do with others. Colossians, Chapter 3, Verse 13...

COLOSSIANS 3:13

...bearing with one another, and forgiving each other...whoever has a

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complaint against anyone...just as the Lord forgave you...so also should you forgive others.

Let's reflect our Lord's example in everything we do.

THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION
Enjoying the Lord's Supper Elements

Bread and wine. The Lord gave us these things to remember Him. We will enjoy the elements together in a few moments as we listen to The Lord's Supper Song.

Obedying our Lord's command, we keep on celebrating Christ regularly...we eat bread to remember who He is as a PERSON...the ONLY Sovereign God of the Universe...we drink wine to remember His WORK on the Cross...the voluntary sacrifice He made to deliver us from sovereignty to sin. We remember with gratitude what God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ have done to save us. Luke, Chapter 22, Verses 14 to 16...

LUKE 22:14

When the hour came (and His crucifixion was set for the next day)...Jesus reclined at the table...and the apostles reclined with Him.

RECLINING AT THE TABLE SLIDE

LUKE 22:15-16

And Jesus said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer...for I say to you, I shall not eat it again until all that it means is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Luke, Chapter 22, Verses 19 and 20...

LUKE 22:19

And when Jesus had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is being broken for you...keep on doing this in remembrance of Me."

LUKE 22:20

And in the same way, Jesus took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This

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cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood."

Let's keep on eating this bread...let's keep on drinking this cup...and let's do both to REMEMBER the Lord. Let this celebration encourage our hearts and our minds, filling us with awe and reverence and gratitude. Let's keep on being transformed by the Lord's life...His death...His burial...His resurrection from the dead...His ascension to God the Father...His seating at the Majesty's right hand...and by the nourishment we get from His Word, which feeds our souls.

THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION
At the Cross, the Lord Reconciled Us to His Father

SONG INTRODUCTION

Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 21 reminds us of what our Lord did at the Cross by obeying His Father...

SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:21

God the Father made Jesus...who knew no sin...to be a sin substitute on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in union with Christ.

As MercyMe explains in song...He made us FLAWLESS!

LORD'S SUPPER SONG

FLAWLESS

Mercy Me

GOD WANTS YOU!

Make the Most Important Decision of Your Life

Here are seven things for you to consider if you are seeking a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

POINT 1

There is a God, and He is the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth

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The first four words of the bible confirm His existence...Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 1...

GENESIS 1:1a
In the beginning, GOD...

God isn't shy about telling you who He is...Joel, Chapter 2, Verse 27...

JOEL 2:27b
I am the Lord your God, and there is no other god...

God is your Creator...John, Chapter 1, Verse 3...

JOHN 1:3
All things came into being through the Lord...God the Son...and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

POINT 2
The Creator Created You

You are one of God's creatures and He had a purpose in mind when He created you. Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 26...

GENESIS 1:26
Then God the Father said, "Let Us (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit) make man in Our image...according to Our likeness..."

You are a spiritual being, and as such, you require a spiritual life.

POINT 3
God Has a Plan for All Mankind

God is organized...Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 23 tells us that the earth and the universe were created...

ACTS 2:23a
...by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God the Father...

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God made all of His decisions in eternity past and we watch them unfold every day.

POINT 4

God Has a Personal Plan for You

Because God created you, God knows you intimately and He knows you by name. Matthew, Chapter 10, Verse 30 says...

MATTHEW 10:30

“...the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”

God custom made you and He custom made a life designed specifically for you.

POINT 5

God Reveals Himself in Ways That Make Sense to Human Beings

God wants you to know Him. He is not hiding from you. He is not hard to get to know...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 20...

ROMANS 1:20a

For since the creation of the world the Lord’s invisible attributes, His eternal power and His DEITY, keep on being clearly seen by everyone...

ROMANS 1:20b

...being understood even through what has been made (as reflected in the things of nature)...so that all mankind are without excuse (in the matter of knowing of the existence of the Lord).

God doesn’t work in mysterious ways. He is completely predictable.

POINT 6

God’s Enemy, SATAN, Does Not Want You to Know God

Satan does everything he can to keep you ignorant about God. Second Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verse 4...

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SECOND CORINTHIANS 4:4

...the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel...so they might not see the glory of Christ...who is the exact reflection of God the Father.

Are you aware of the ways Satan is lying to you about God?

POINT 7

You Owe God a Hearing

Since God created you, you at least owe him a hearing. He has placed a desire inside of you to know what is beyond yourself and what is beyond the life that is visible to you. Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Verse 11...

ECCLESIASTES 3:11a

The Lord has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set a (desire for a) knowledge of eternity in everyone's heart...

Do you spend ANY of your time getting to know God?

The conclusion?

There is nothing more important for you in this life than a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. John, Chapter 1, Verse 12...

JOHN 1:12

But whosoever received Him...to them the Lord Jesus Christ gave the right to become children of God the Father...even to those who believe in Jesus Christ's name...

Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31...

ACTS 16:31

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and everyone in your household who also believes."

John, Chapter 3, Verse 36...

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JOHN 3:36

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life (right at that moment) ... but he who does not obey the command to believe in the Son will not see the resurrection life...instead the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him.”

Consider these things and then get to know the Lord...TODAY! Do it now!

SONG INTRODUCTION

When we think about God’s reconciliation offer, which we just heard in the gospel message, we have a single choice, which June Murphy reveals in her song...I STAND AMAZED.

CLOSING SONG

I STAND AMAZED

June Murphy

<INSERT SONG LYRICS>

MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

I STAND AMAZED

June Murphy

CLOSING VERSES

A Doxology of Praise to Our God

Let’s close with words of worship for our Almighty God.

EPHESIANS 1:3

Worthy of praise is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us believers in Christ in eternity past with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms (a place of permanence)...through our union with Christ...

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God wants us to enjoy His gracious provisions...

EPHESIANS 1:7-8

In Jesus...we have redemption (deliverance from slavery to sin) through His blood...the forgiveness of our trespasses...according to the glorious wealth provided by His grace...which He lavished on us...including as a gift, wisdom and insight...

EPHESIANS 3:20

Now to God the Father...who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we could ask or imagine (more than is humanly possible) ...according to the divine power (omnipotence) that works within us...

EPHESIANS 3:21

...to Him be the glory...through the church age believers in union with Christ Jesus...and to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...

Thanks for coming!

Thanks for watching!

Thanks for listening!

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