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#### **ANNOUNCER INTRODUCTION (0:30)**

Welcome to “God Cares For You,” a series of radio broadcasts featuring Pastor Rory Clark of Barah Ministries...a worldwide Christian Church in Mesa, AZ...Pastor Rory teaches the truth of the Word of God in a simple way that is easy to apply to your everyday life...here’s Pastor Rory Clark.

#### **SHOW TEASER (0:41)**

Have you ever had a situation where you did something wrong...you knew it...everyone else knew it...and there was no way you were going to say or do anything that would allow you to wiggle off the hook?

That’s our situation in the spiritual life.

We all are born sinners in the eyes of God, and there is no way to get around it. The fact that we were born in this sinful condition is not our fault, but it is our circumstance.

The longer we avoid coming to terms with this painful reality, the longer we wait to seek the solution. In today’s program, you’ll be made painfully aware of your very real situation at physical birth...CONDEMNED!

Welcome to the program.

#### **TODAY’S LESSON (25:09 with the song)**

##### **The Human Race is Guilty As Charged**

In the United States of America, there is a holiday every year known as Independence Day, or as we call it, Fourth of July ... “the Fourth” for short. On this day, the United States celebrates its Declaration of Independence from allegiance to Great Britain...we celebrate the day we became a free and independent nation. In preparation for that day these words were penned by the men who led the charge...

#### **EXCERPT FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

*When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to*

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*assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation...*

What impelled us to the separation? The Declaration of Independence goes on to reveal what impelled the separation.

In the Consequences of Sin Passage in Paul's letter to the Romans, which extends from Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18 to Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 20...the Lord Jesus Christ, through the apostle Paul, is doing the exact same thing. God is warning all mankind, especially unregenerate man... unbelievers who have rejected a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ... about the causes that impel Him to a separation.

Maybe you haven't heard the term "unregenerate." What is an unregenerate person? We are all born unregenerate, which means we are all born spiritually dead. An unregenerate person is spiritually dead, is separated from God, and is helpless and hopeless to do anything about the situation on his own.

What do human beings think of themselves when they are in an unregenerate, spiritually dead condition? We think...I am not that bad...I'm basically a good person...especially relative to others that are worse than me...I can make amends for things I do wrong...I can redeem myself...I can earn God's favor...I can be righteous by my own good deeds...I can make myself pleasing to God.

God's thoughts are different...Jeremiah, Chapter 17, Verse 9 says...

Jeremiah 17:9

*"The heart (of mankind) is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it (the depths of depravity to which it will sink)?"*

God says we are NOT basically good...He says we are desperately sick and we are deceived about how low we will stoop. In the most recent passage of study...Romans, Chapter 3, Verses 10 to 18...God outlines a fourteen-count indictment against the human race...to illuminate our unregenerate condition...

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[Indictment 1]

Romans 3:10

*...as it is written, "THERE IS NO CREATURE WHO IS RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD, NOT EVEN ONE..."*

All of us are guilty of sin...all of us are guilty of breaking God's laws... all of us are unrighteous.

[Indictment 2]

Romans 3:11a

*"THERE IS NO CREATURE WHO UNDERSTANDS GOD, NOR ANY OTHER DIVINE THING..."*

The bible strikes down with a vengeance our thoughts that we can attain righteousness through our own merit...we are not righteous in God's eyes in our unregenerate state.

[Indictment 3]

Romans 3:11b

*"THERE IS NO CREATURE WHO SEEKS FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD..."*

If God did not seek a relationship with us, we'd be in big trouble...we'd be lost forever.

[Indictment 4]

Romans 3:12a

*"ALL CREATURES HAVE TURNED ASIDE FROM GOD..."*

Every human being, at some time in life, abandons the way of God.

[Indictment 5]

Romans 3:12b

*"TOGETHER ALL CREATURES HAVE BECOME USELESS..."*

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All of us have become like rotten fruit...we are unprofitable in God's eyes.

[Indictment 6]

Romans 3:12c

*"THERE IS NO CREATURE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."*

When God looks at us, He sees us as we are...as we see ourselves when we watch the news...filled with corruption, deception, selfishness, cruelty, and apostasy.

[Indictment 7]

Romans 3:13a

*"THE THROATS OF ALL CREATURES ARE AN OPEN GRAVE..."*

Out of the unregenerate throat come the sounds of death and discouragement.

[Indictment 8]

Romans 3:13b

*"WITH THEIR TONGUES, CREATURES KEEP ON DECEIVING..."*

Lies are a continual part of the human experience...especially the lies of self-deception...we like lying to ourselves the most.

[Indictment 9]

Romans 3:13c

*"THE POISON OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS..."*

Fangs are ready to bite you at every turn...set to wound you with their poison.

[Indictment 10]

Romans 3:14

*"THE CREATURE'S MOUTH IS FULL OF THE CURSING AND THE BITTERNESS OF BLASPHEMY..."*

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Mention the Lord Jesus Christ to someone and watch the venom come pouring forth against Him...watch the lies pour forth...especially the lie that the Lord Jesus Christ is not God.

[Indictment 11]

Romans 3:15

*“THE CREATURE’S FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD...”*

If it were not for the small and courageous force of police officers and military soldiers who provide restraint, mankind would destroy itself.

[Indictment 12]

Romans 3:16

*“DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS...”*

Creatures spend most of their time tearing down the good things in their lives.

[Indictment 13]

Romans 3:17

*“AND THE PATH OF PEACE, CREATURES HAVE NOT KNOWN.”*

There is no real desire for wisdom or growth among unbelievers.

[Indictment 14]

Romans 3:18

*“THERE IS NO RESPECT FOR GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”*

What God says to the unregenerate, they disregard...and because the wrath of God is stored up, rather than executed immediately...the unregenerate are comfortable with doing evil and with disrespecting God.

The only logical conclusion we can come to after The Consequences of Sin Passage in the letter to the Romans is that we are deceiving ourselves when we think we are “basically good people.” The Lord tells us in His Word that

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we are not “basically good people” ... and He also tells us in various passages in the bible that there is nothing we can do to clean up our acts. That *could* be a great dilemma without what God has done for us to help us out of this dilemma. The Consequences of Sin passage is God’s warning to the entire human race.

We are all to be evaluated at a date in the future...as it says in Hebrews, Chapter 9, Verse 27...

Hebrews 9:27

*And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment (the evaluation)...*

So for those of you who believe in reincarnation, the bible strikes this idea down with a vengeance. For the unregenerate unbelievers, those who reject a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in their lifetime, the evaluation is called The Great White Throne Judgment...Revelation, Chapter 20, Verses 11 to 15...

Revelation 20:11

*Then I (John, the writer of the book of Revelation) saw a great white throne and the Lord Jesus Christ who sat upon it, from whose presence (unbelievers on) earth and (in) heaven fled away, and no place was found for them (to live).*

Revelation 20:12

*And I saw the dead (unbelievers), the great (famous people) and the small (not so famous people), standing before the (great white) throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life (a record of all those who are saved); and the dead (unbelievers) were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds (ungodliness and unrighteousness).*

Revelation 20:13

*And the sea gave up the dead (unbelievers) which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead (unbelievers) which were in them; and (unbelievers) were judged, every one of them according to their deeds (ungodliness and unrighteousness).*

Revelation 20:14

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*Then death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death, the Lake of Fire (the first death is spiritual death).*

Revelation 20:15

*And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life (at the Great White Throne Judgment), he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.*

For believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, those who have embraced and accepted a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ during their lifetime, the evaluation is made at the Judgment Seat of Christ...Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 10...

Second Corinthians 5:10

*For we believers in Christ must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed (compensated) for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

...good or bad meaning...Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 10...

Ephesians 2:10

*...we are God the Father's workmanship, created in union with Christ Jesus for good works, which God the Father prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

Good deeds are the deeds we do that God planned for us to do in eternity past. Believers in Christ are set for rewards during their evaluation.

So, what are God's thoughts about the whole human race? What are God's thoughts about unregenerate man? You are indicted...you broke God's laws...you are guilty as charged...you have a just penalty coming because you do not meet God's requirement for righteousness.

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18 to Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 20 is an indictment of the whole human race which God makes to inform all mankind of the things which impel Him to an unwanted separation. What is an indictment? An INDICTMENT is a formal accusation that initiates a criminal case against someone. What is the indictment? Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 10...

Romans 3:10

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*...as it is written, "THERE IS NO CREATURE WHO IS RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE..."*

Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 23...

Romans 3:23

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

We all break God's laws. In God's law, if you break it once, you are guilty as charged and there is no way to talk yourself out of the indictment. There are no plea bargains!

To be acceptable to God, you must be righteous. You and all creatures were unregenerate and unrighteous at birth, guilty as charged, and in the Consequences of Sin passage in the book of Romans, God details the reasons for the charges.

When you come face-to-face with the gospel message, the good news about how the Lord Jesus Christ's work at the Cross saves you from this predicament...a gospel message presented as an offer to you multiple times in your life...it is not only an indictment, but also it is the equivalent of an arraignment. What does it mean...to arraign? To ARRAIGN means to call into question...to find fault...especially with respect to a virtue like the law...it is a critical examination...to arraign means to bring someone before a court to answer an indictment.

What are the faults God finds? The faults the unregenerate have are ungodliness, unrighteousness, and sin, which make all mankind, at physical birth, sinners.

What is ungodliness? Ungodliness is direct disregard for God's Person. What is unrighteousness? Unrighteousness is direct disregard for God's laws. What is a sinner? A sinner is an unregenerate unbeliever, who refuses to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

The Consequences of Sin passage calls all mankind on the carpet to answer God's indictment. All of us must respond to the gospel message. When we are positive to the gospel message we realize, in Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 17...



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Romans 1:17

*For in the gospel message the righteousness from God is revealed from faith (in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation) to faith (in the Lord for all things); as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH (alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for eternal life).”*

When we reject the gospel message, we also realize, especially after the Consequences of Sin passage, the truth of Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 18 to 23...

Romans 1:18

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

Romans 1:19

*...because that which is known about God is evident within those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness; for God made knowledge of God evident to them.*

Romans 1:20

*For since the creation of the world the Lord Jesus Christ’s invisible attributes, His eternal power and His divinity have been clearly seen by all mankind, being understood through what has been made in the entire created universe, so that all mankind, especially those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness are without excuse in the matter of knowing God.*

Romans 1:21

*For even though those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give Him thanks, but instead those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

Romans 1:22

*Professing to be wise, those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness became fools...*

Romans 1:23

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*...and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and of four-footed animals and of crawling creatures.*

Psalm 14, Verses 1 to 3...

Psalm 14:1

*The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; there is no creature who does good.*

Psalm 14:2

*The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, to see if there are any who seek after God.*

Psalm 14:3

*They have ALL turned aside, together they have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.*

Once you break God's law once, you are guilty as charged. There is only one way out. You must throw yourself on the mercy of the court, and put yourself at the mercy of the Righteous Judge, the Lord Jesus Christ. Otherwise, wrath!

What is wrath? Wrath is God's response to each creature's rejection of His unconditional love, rejection of His sin substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ, and rejection of His instructions for how to be saved.

Through the law, we get to know we are sinners...Romans, Chapter 3, Verses 19 and 20...

Romans 3:19

*Now we know that whatever the Mosaic Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God...*

Romans 3:20

*...because by the works of the Mosaic Law no flesh will be justified in God's sight; for through the Mosaic Law comes only the knowledge of sin.*

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We may be lost when we are unregenerate...but the Lord Jesus Christ comes to find us. Here's Barah Ministries Song Worship Leader June Murphy, singing a song she wrote and produced, that reveals God's attitude toward unregenerate man...

SONG (5:05)

CALLING YOU TO FREEDOM

June Murphy

All creatures are in a predicament at physical birth...Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 10...

Romans 3:10

*...as it is written, "There is no creature who is righteous, not even one"*

What does God do to get creatures out of the predicament? Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8...

Romans 5:8

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

John, Chapter 3, Verse 17...

John 3:17

*For God the Father did not send the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) into the world to condemn the world, but the Father sent His Son into the world that the world might be saved through believing in Him.*

John, Chapter 1, Verse 12...

John 1:12

*But as many as received the Lord (taking advantage of the free gift of salvation), to them He gave the right (once and for all time) to become children of God...to those who believe in Christ's name...*

Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31...

Acts 16:31

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

John, Chapter 14, Verse 6...

John 14:6

*Jesus said to doubting Thomas, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through believing in Me.”*

John, Chapter 3, Verse 36...

John 3:36

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

The Lord Jesus Christ paid with His blood to get His creatures off the hook. You may think your situation is hopeless...but it is not...trust the Lord Jesus Christ for your “so great” salvation. He’s looking for you right now. Will you respond to His call to freedom?

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**ANNOUNCER OUTRO (0:40)**

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