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Lesson 317–October 2, 2016

/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
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Good Morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church based in Mesa, AZ...my name is Pastor Rory Clark. Barah Ministries teaches the Word of God from God's perspective and not from the human perspective. We want to know what God has to say to us through His Word, because we're convinced that God knows exactly what He's talking about. And our God is the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON
Why Squander Your Free Gifts?

We continue our study of Romans, Chapter 9, Verses 1 to 5...the first passage in our study of the three chapters in Romans that tell us about the Lord's dealings, past, present and future with the Jewish race. The apostle Paul, the author of this letter to the Romans, is Jewish. For half of his life he was against Christ, so much so that he single handedly set out to exterminate the Christian Church. When he turned from Judaism to Christianity...a change of mind to serve the Lord Jesus Christ...his Messiah...he was attacked by the people who had previously been his biggest supporters...the religious Jews. Here is Paul's testimony to his religious, legalistic "kinsmen in the flesh" ... in Philippians, Chapter 3, Verses 4 to 11...

/PHILIPPIANS 3:4

(Paul says...) I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I should, and far more (than you Judaizers because of the involuntary circumstances into which I was born)...

/PHILIPPIANS 3:5

...I was circumcised on the eighth day (so I am a pure blooded Jew), I am of the nation of Israel, I am of the tribe of Benjamin (in the line of Abraham and David...and of the line from which came King Saul, Israel's first King),

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I am a Hebrew son of Hebrews parents...(and now Paul's voluntary choices) ... as to the Mosaic Law, I am a Pharisee (from its strictest sect)...

/PHILIPPIANS 3:6

...as to zeal, I am a persecutor of the church (regularly kicking sand in God's face by persecuting Christians)...and as to the righteousness which is derived from the Mosaic Law (self-righteousness), I am found (in my own eyes) blameless (which amounts to legalism).

/PHILIPPIANS 3:7

But whatever things were gain to me (the things I found valuable in my own mind), those things I have now counted completely worthless for the sake of Christ (in light of my new relationship with Him).

/PHILIPPIANS 3:8

More than that, I count all things (of this world) to be completely worthless in comparison to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and I count all I considered as valuable to be the equivalent of human excrement (something totally repugnant) so that I may gain through my union with Christ...

/PHILIPPIANS 3:9

...and that I may be found in union with Him...not having a self-righteousness of my own derived from following the Mosaic Law, but having that righteousness which comes through faith in Christ alone...the righteousness which comes from God the Father on the basis of faith...

/PHILIPPIANS 3:10

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

/PHILIPPIANS 3:11

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

Paul is completely rejecting his “worldly accomplishments” ... instead Paul is completely adopting everything that is of Christ, and everything Christ has planned for himself and for us... all the things that make our lives worthwhile. Welcome to a place where you can decide to be out with the

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old...the life of rebellion... and in with the new self, in union with Christ.

/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

The opening song for this lesson is HOPE IN FRONT OF ME sung by Danny Gokey.

/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 providing a set a gifts that gives us an alternative to the life Satan and his world system have to offer...and thank you for making it clear to us through Your Word that the lifestyle you offer has nothing in common...not one single thing...with the life the world has to offer...

Conform us to the image of Your Son, Father...renew our minds with Your Word...help us to store up the treasure of the Word of God in our souls...open our eyes to the gifts You have given us and tune our souls in to God the Holy Spirit as He pours His enabling power into us to show us how to love the resurrection life...

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

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

Let's begin this lesson by giving you a chance to make an offering...we need and we value your financial support...please welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall with the offering message.

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/OFFERING VERSE

JOHN 1:7

John the Baptist came as a witness, to testify about the Light (the Lord Jesus Christ), so that all might believe (in the Lord Jesus Christ) through him.

/OFFERING

FLIGHT OF THE EAGLE

Dave McClure, Instrumental

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What are the gifts God has provided for you that you squander? In fact, what does it mean to squander?

/SQUANDER

To waste something valuable to you.\

God has given us many gifts, and many of us have put these gifts aside into a corner...and we don't think about them...we don't use them...in fact, we might not even know how to use them. The unregenerate members of the Jewish race are the same...they have squandered a host of gifts...many in the Jewish race have turned their backs on their Messiah...and a heartbroken apostle...Paul... discusses the gifts the Jewish race has squandered in the next part of first passage of Romans, Chapter 9...let's review Verses 1 to 5...

/ROMANS 9:1

I (Paul) am telling you the truth...I am in union with Christ on this...I am not lying to you...my conscience testifies along with me...and I am filled with God the Holy Spirit and His enabling power...

/ROMANS 9:2

...and I tell you that I keep on having great and sorrow and an incessant, haunting grief in my heart (in other words, I am heartbroken).

/ROMANS 9:3

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anathema...sent to the Lake of Fire as a substitute for you), separated from (my union with) the Christ (the Messiah) for the sake of my brethren (the Jews), my “kinsmen according to the flesh” (those Jews who are unbelievers)

The apostle Paul wishes that he could go to the Lake of Fire to pay the price for his kinsmen’s rejection of their Messiah. We’ve looked at these first three verses in detail in our previous few lessons... in the next two verses, our focus today...we study the eight gifts the Jewish race received from their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ...

/ROMANS 9:4

*...(those Jews who are who are) my kinsmen...who are Israelites...to whom belongs...the adoption as sons...and the glory...and the covenants...and the giving of the Mosaic Law...and the temple service...and the promises... *

/ROMANS 9:5

...my kinsmen who are of the lineage of the fathers (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob)...and my kinsmen from whose lineage comes the Christ, the One who became flesh (and tabernacled among us)...the Messiah...the One who is Sovereign over all, THE God (Deity), the blessed One...who IS forever. Amen.

What are the gifts the Lord Jesus Christ, their Messiah, promised to the Jewish race? First...

/THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Gifts To The Jewish Race

ADOPTION AS SONS\

What is meant by adoption as sons? First of all, it is a gift...not only a gift granted to the Jewish race, but also it is a gift granted to Church Age believers...Galatians, Chapter 4, Verses 4 and 5...

/GALATIANS 4:4

But when the fullness of the time came (in other words, at the proper and perfect time), God the Father sent forth His Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), to be born of a woman, to be born under the Mosaic Law...

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/GALATIANS 4:5

...so that the Lord Jesus Christ might redeem those who were under (slavery to) the Mosaic Law, so that we might receive instead the adoption as sons.

Being adopted as a son is a legal distinction. Under Roman law it meant that a parent could legally adopt a person, and then that person had the right to the name and the citizenship of the parent who adopted him, and the right to inherit his property. Best of all, the adopted son had the same rights and privileges as a natural born son. The law also granted the one who adopted that son all the rights and responsibilities of a father, including full authority over the adopted son, and full responsibility to care for the son. What a fantastic picture when we think that God the Father has adopted the Jewish race and us Church Age believers exactly the same way...Galatians, Chapter 4, Verse 7...

/GALATIANS 4:7

So you believers in Christ are no longer slaves, but you are God the Father's children...and since you are his children, God also has made you an heir.

In the Romans style of adult adoption, parents could chose an heir who was not a naturally born son...an heirs were given as a gift all the privileges granted to an heir. The Old Testament confirms this adoption as sons of the Jewish race and of Israel...a nation of divine national adoption...Exodus, Chapter 4, Verse 22...

/EXODUS 4:22

Then you (Moses) shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, "Israel is My son, My firstborn."'

Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, Verse 6...

/DEUTERONOMY 7:6

For you (the Jewish race) are a holy people to the Lord your God...the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

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It doesn't get any better than that!

Amos, Chapter 3, Verse 2...

/AMOS 3:2a

"You only (Israel) have I (the Lord Jesus Christ) chosen among all the families of the earth..."

Isaiah, Chapter 66, Verse 22...

/ISAIAH 66:22

*"For just as the new heavens and the new earth which I make will endure before Me," declares the Lord, "So your offspring and your name (Israel) will endure." *

Just as parents have a special affection for their firstborn, so almighty God has a special affection for His first-born nation, Israel...and His first-born people the Jews. He has granted all those from among the Jewish race who want it, the full privileges of an adopted son, and has made them heirs of the promises He made to Abraham...promises He will fulfill.

One thing we must not miss as we think of adoption as sons is the reason for our adoption...Galatians, Chapter 4, Verses 4 and 5...

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The Lord Jesus Christ...the Jewish Messiah...is the One who facilitated this adoption as sons, and all of the privileges that go with it. The Jewish race is the same as Church Age believers in God's eyes... adopted sons...and once a son always a son...you cannot, once you have it, lose the adoption as sons under any circumstance. Of course you must use your free will to choose to

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be an adopted son...the Lord does not coerce your volition...First John, Chapter 3, Verse 1...

/FIRST JOHN 3:1

See how great an unconditional love God the Father has bestowed on us believers in Christ, that we would be called children of God...

Let's take a quick music break, and then we'll look at other gifts the Lord has granted to His Chosen People, the Jewish race.

/MUSIC BREAK

LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Larnelle Harris

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Gifts To The Jewish Race

THE GLORY\
What is God's glory?

/GOD'S GLORY

The physical manifestation of God's Being...it is God allowing His presence to be clearly seen.\

Israel is a nation that enjoyed God's presence among them. Exodus, Chapter 25, Verses 1 to 8...

/EXODUS 25:1

*Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying... *

/EXODUS 25:2

"Tell the sons of Israel to raise a (voluntary) contribution for Me...from every man whose heart moves him, you shall raise My contribution.

/EXODUS 25:3

*This is the contribution that you are to raise from them: gold, silver and bronze... *

/EXODUS 25: 4

*...blue, purple and scarlet material, fine linen, goat hair... *

/EXODUS 25:5

*...ram's skins dyed red, porpoise skins, acacia wood... *

/EXODUS 25:6

*...oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense... *

/EXODUS 25:7

...onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod (the robe of the high priest) and for the breast piece.

/EXODUS 25:8

Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

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/EXODUS 25:9

According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.
This sanctuary, of course, was known as The Ark of the Covenant. Exodus, Chapter 25, Verses 21 and 22...

/EXODUS 25:21

You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you (the Ten Commandments on tablets).

/EXODUS 25:22

There I (the Lord Jesus Christ, Your Messiah) will meet with you...and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

Second Chronicles, Chapter 5, Verses 13 and 14...

/SECOND CHRONICLES 5:13

...(At the celebration and dedication of Solomon's Temple)...in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the Lord saying, "He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud...

/SECOND CHRONICLES 5:14

...so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

God demonstrated His approval of the Temple by giving His glory to the Jewish race. Exodus, Chapter 16, Verse 10...

/EXODUS 16:10

It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

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Isaiah, Chapter 40, Verse 5...

/ISAIAH 40:5

“Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together...for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

So far we see that God has given the Jewish race wonderful gifts... creation...adoption as sons...and His glory. In other words, God has given the Jewish race the gift of life itself by creating them; He has given them the privileges of a natural first born which makes them heirs...and in the time the bible was written, the heirship of a first-born was everything... and He has given them the gift of Himself by showing them His glory and by leading them through all the hardships they will endure. So why did the Jewish race squander their gifts? Some people prefer to learn the hard way. We'll learn more about the Messiah's gifts to the Jewish race in our next lesson.

/GOD WANTS YOU!

Make the Most Important Decision of Your Life\

/ROMANS 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God the Father...divine omnipotence...to provide salvation to everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ...to the Jew first and also to the Greek (Gentiles).

/MATTHEW 7:13

“Enter salvation through the narrow gate (the Lord Jesus Christ)...for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction...and there are many who enter through it.”

/MATTHEW 7:14

“For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to the resurrection life, and there are few who find it.”

/JOHN 10:9

“I (the Lord Jesus Christ) am the door to salvation...if anyone enters through believing in Me...he will be saved...and then he will go in and out and find pasture.”

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/FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:22

For all in union with Adam are set to die the second death in the Lake of Fire...but all those in union with Christ will live the resurrection life.

/CLOSING SONG

HE IS EXALTED

June Murphy

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...

THANKS - INTERCESSION - PETITION

/Thanks for coming!

Thanks for watching!

Thanks for listening!

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