

## THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

Lesson 479– June 16, 2013

**/Welcome To  
BARAH MINISTRIES  
a Christian Church  
Rory Clark  
Pastor-Teacher\**

Good morning! John, Chapter 16, Verses 13 and 14 say...

/JOH 16:13-14

*“But when He, (God) the (Holy) Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you (believers in Christ) into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.//He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.”\*

For believers in the Lord Jesus Christ...God the Holy Spirit is the Sovereign of your spiritual life. God the Holy Spirit is God, not an energy force...God the Holy Spirit is a Leader...God the Holy Spirit is a Mentor...God the Holy Spirit is a Teacher...God the Holy Spirit has the exact essence of God the Father, and God the Son and the Lord Jesus Christ. God the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of truth because He is the member of the Godhead who is responsible for making Scripture clear to us. We are not on our own in the matter of bible study. The Spirit is there with us every step of the way.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED? no verse...let the verse pop in on the next click>

Welcome to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING...Colossians, Chapter 3, Verse 10 says...

/COL 3:10

*...put on the new man who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him... \*

God the Holy Spirit is in charge of renewing us, and it is His job to change our minds through the use of the truth of the Word of God. We tune out the ramblings of KCOS, the world system of thought, and we tune into the guidance of the Holy Spirit's broadcasts on WGOD, as He gives us new thoughts to think which power the New Man. We are strengthened with power by God the Holy Spirit's glorious might. Welcome to a place where

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you can “in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to save your souls.”

### **/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

*Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

God is Faithful\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let’s listen to June Murphy worship our Lord in song...the opening song GOD IS FAITHFUL.

### **/OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

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

Introduce us to the depths of your Godhead partner, God the Holy Spirit, and to the treasures He unfolds in the lives of Church Age believers...

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

### **/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES**

Rory Clark

Pastor-Teacher\

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher, a gift given to me by God for the building up of God’s body, the Church. It is my job to help you become fruitful through the true knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...fruitful through the development of a deep, intimate and personal relationship with Him.

### **/THE GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**The Good News to Unbelievers Concerning Jesus Christ’s Sacrifice on Your Behalf\**

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We dedicate the opening moments of this bible lesson to anyone who is without a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The central issue for angelic and human creatures, during all of divine history, is detailed in Matthew, Chapter 22, Verse 42...

/MAT 22:42

*“What do you think about the Christ (the Messiah)?”\*

Have you ever been loved? It’s pretty special to be loved, and it is pretty special to love. Love colors our whole viewpoint toward life. I have good news for you today. God loves you. There is nothing you have to do to earn His love. There is nothing you have to do to maintain His love. There is nothing you can do to lose His love. This is the most special love you will ever have in your life. Every day, somewhere in your periphery, there is a reminder of God’s love for you...it’s always somewhere in view. It’s a Cross.

<CROSS WITH CHRIST HANGING FROM IT>

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8 says...

/ROM 5:8

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

No matter what you think of God...and there are many things you have been influenced to think about God...that He doesn’t exist...that He can’t be known...that He is off duty...that He left us here to fend for ourselves...that He is arbitrary, waiting to come down on you...that He frowns on you... anything but the truth...no matter what you think, He loves you unconditionally, with a love so powerful and so unbelievable that we can’t even relate to it in our humanity.

The good news is that no matter what you think of Him, God the Father proved His unconditional love for you by sending His Son to a gruesome death on a Cross on your behalf...the Father DEMONSTRATED His love. God the Son voluntarily took on the form of true humanity, becoming the

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God-man, and laid down His life to make a relationship with God a possibility for you. John, Chapter 15, Verse 13 says...

/JOH 15:13

*“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”\*

The Lord Jesus Christ DEMONSTRATED His unconditional love for you by dying on a Cross. As a result, He opened the possibility of a permanent and unbreakable relationship with God by eliminating the sin problem, the problem of your spiritual death at physical birth. First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 22 says...

/1CO 15:22

*For as in (union with) Adam all die (spiritually)...so also in (union with) Christ all will be made (spiritually) alive (born again).\*

At physical birth, you were unable to have a relationship with God, because a barrier existed between the two of you. The good news is that the God who loves you unconditionally died on a Cross to remove the barrier between you and Him. Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 14 says...

/EPH 2:14

*For He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is our peace, who made both groups (Jews and Gentiles) into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall...\*

Because of Christ’s sacrifice at the Cross, all of your sins have been forgiven in the past with the established and irrevocable fact that they are forgiven forever. Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 13 and 14...

/COL 1:13-14

*For He (God the Father) rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son (the Lord Jesus Christ),//in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.\*

The good news is that the God who loves you unconditionally and who died for you at the Cross wants a relationship with you right now. Second Peter, Chapter 3, Verse 9 says...

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/2PE 3:9

*The Lord is not slow about His promise (of a chance at salvation), as some count slowness (as some accuse), but (the Lord) is patient toward you (unbelievers), not wishing for any to perish (in the Lake of Fire) but for all to come to repentance (a change of mind about the Lord Jesus Christ).\*

Right now, you can take advantage of God's unconditional love for you by simply believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Here's the invitation, in John, Chapter 14, Verse 6...

/JOH 14:6

*(The Lord) Jesus Christ said, "I am the way (to salvation), (I am) the truth (through the Word of God) and (I am) the (eternal) life; no one comes to the Father, but through (believing in) Me." \*

Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31 says...

/ACT 16:31

*Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and (everyone in) your household (who also believes).\*

John, Chapter 3, Verse 36 says...

/JOH 3:36

*"He (anyone) who believes in the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has eternal life...but he who does not obey (the command to believe in) the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) will not see (eternal) life (in heaven) but the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him." \*

The good news is that when you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ at a single moment in time, you are saved forever. John, Chapter 10, Verse 28 says...

/JOH 10:28

*And I give eternal life to them (believers in Christ), and they (believers) shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them (believers) out of My hand.\*

The good news is that you can't work for salvation...it is something God does for you, free of charge, by means of His grace. Romans, Chapter 11, Verse 6 says...

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/ROM 11:6

*But if (1) it (salvation) is by grace (and it is), it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace (a free gift) is no longer grace (a free gift).\*

So right now you are invited to have a conversation with God the Father and to tell Him you are believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the good news is that will be the moment the eternal life begins for you. Here's how a thief on a cross being crucified next to the Lord Jesus Christ asked for salvation...Luke, Chapter 23, Verse 42...

/LUK 23:42

*And he (the repentant thief) was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"\*

Nine words and the thief was saved... Luke, Chapter 23, Verse 43...

/LUK 23:43

*And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said to him (the repentant thief), "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."\<*

Salvation is a choice you can make, and God takes it from there. No one can make you do it...no one can convert you...it's a private matter between you and God...no one can make the decision for you. What's your choice?

### **/TODAY'S STUDY**

#### **The New Man is IN THE SPIRIT\**

As you know, this year has been a year of shaking for us here at Barah Ministries...we have turned away from the legalism of Systematic Theology...at least I hope we have...and we have turned to the purity of biblical Christianity. In doing so, we have come to know that our previous relationship to God the Holy Spirit was a heretical and legalistic distortion. By thinking that our sins were not forgiven by the Lord Jesus Christ's work on our behalf at the Cross, and instead thinking that we were only forgiven when we confessed our sins, we saw God the Holy Spirit, who is the Sovereign God, as an arbitrary being who would come to us when we were "cleansed from all unrighteousness" through the confession of our sins...and who would leave us every time we sinned. We were lead to believe, and we ACTUALLY believed, that a God who never changes...an immutable

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God...would come and go at our command. We believed that we were given the Holy Spirit at salvation...turn to Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 1...we'll look at the first five verses with a focus on verse 5...

/2CO 5:5

*Now He who prepared us for this very purpose (the Zoe Life) is God (the Father), who gave to us the (indwelling of God the Holy) Spirit as a pledge (of our inheritance...as a guarantee of our salvation).*\

...and then we believed that we could forfeit the filling of the Spirit through personal sinning. Nothing could be more ridiculous. God the Holy Spirit actually is given to us by God the Father as “earnest money.”

So what is our relationship with God the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? ... or indwelled by the Spirit? ... or baptized by the Spirit? In the near future I'll be teaching you quite a bit about God the Holy Spirit. But I thought, in light of the fact that God the Holy Spirit's enabling power is the driving force behind your ONE NEW MAN, that it would be a good idea to remind you of some things about God the Holy Spirit, or to introduce you to some things about God the Holy Spirit, with the biblical backup that is necessary so you have an accurate picture of the God of your spiritual life...the Zoe Life...God the Holy Spirit. So here are few things to know about God the Holy Spirit.

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JOH 16:13-14

*“But when He, (God) the (Holy) Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you (believers in Christ) into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.//He will glorify Me (the Lord Jesus Christ), for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.”\*

God the Holy Spirit is much maligned...some view God the Holy Spirit as a mystical force...others understand God the Holy Spirit as an impersonal power that the Lord Jesus Christ makes available to His followers...others think God the Holy Spirit is a weak “energy force” ... some know God the Holy Spirit as an apparition which they call the Holy Ghost. Let's look at an excerpt from Mormon.org...



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/MORMON.ORG

Almost everyone has felt the Holy Ghost at some time. But there is a difference between experiencing the occasional influence of the Holy Ghost and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost.\

/MORMON.ORG

Although the Holy Ghost may temporarily comfort someone or reveal truth to them, the gift of the Holy Ghost is reserved for those who have been baptized and confirmed into Christ's Church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). This gift is the privilege of enjoying the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost conditional upon keeping the commandments.\

Christians see God the Holy Spirit differently. We think God the Holy Spirit is God. Turn to Acts, Chapter 5...

/ACT 5:1

*But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property... \*

/ACT 5:2

*...and kept back some of the price for himself (instead of giving it all to the church as promised), with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. \*

/ACT 5:3

*But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled (pleroo) your heart to lie to (God) the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?" \*

/ACT 5:4

*"While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but (you have lied) to God." \*

God the Holy Spirit IS God. He is the One who gives us the Zoe Life...the resurrection life...take a look at Second Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verse 5...



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/2CO 3:5

*Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God... \*

/2CO 3:6

*...who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not (servants) of the letter (the law) but (servants) of (God) the (Holy) Spirit; for the letter (of the law) kills, but (God) the (Holy) Spirit gives (the Zoe) life (the resurrection life). \*

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

*When I Think About Home \*

/GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SOVEREIGN GOD \

Welcome back...look at Second Corinthians, Chapter 3, beginning at Verse 15...God the Holy Spirit has the power to remove the barrier to salvation for those who do not believe in Christ...

/2CO 3:15

*But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart (the hearts of Jewish people who do not believe in Christ)... \*

/2CO 3:16

*...but whenever a person turns to the Lord (Jesus Christ for salvation), the veil is taken away. \*

Who takes away the veil? God...that is...God the Holy Spirit.

/2CO 3:17

*Now the Lord is (God) the (Holy) Spirit, and where the (Holy) Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. \*

/2CO 3:18

*But we (believers in Christ) all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image (as God)*

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*from (the SOURCE of) glory to (reflected) glory, just as from the Lord,  
(God) the (Holy) Spirit.\*

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To Unbelievers

CONVICTING (JOH 16:8-11)

RESTRAINING (2TH 2:7)\

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To Believers

BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT (ACT 1:5, EPH 4:5, 1CO 12:13)

REGENERATION (TIT 3:5)

INDWELLING (1CO 6:19)\

/GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS MINISTRIES

To Believers

SEALING (EPH 4:30)

EFFICACIOUS GRACE (EPH 2:8-9)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS (1CO 12:11)\

/GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS MINISTRIES

FILLING OF THE SPIRIT (PHI 3:3)  
(IN SPIRIT...EN PNEUMATI)

MENTORSHIP (JOH 16:13)\

/GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTS ON US\

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God the Holy Spirit teaches us...John, Chapter 14, Verse 26 says...

/JOH 14:26

*“But the Helper (the parakletos), (God) the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you (the) all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”\*

God the Holy Spirit’s teaching gives us wisdom...turn to Ephesians, Chapter 1, Verse 15...

/EPH 1:15

*For this reason I (Paul) too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints...\*

/EPH 1:16

*...do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers...\*

/EPH 1:17

*...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.\*

God the Holy Spirit discourages sinning and leads us to righteous conduct... Turn to Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 12...

/ROM 8:12

*So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh (the Old Man), to live according to the flesh —\*

/ROM 8:13

*...for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if (I) by the Spirit you (live, and you do, believers, and you) are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live (the resurrection life...the Zoe Life).\*

/ROM 8:14

*For all who are being led by the (Holy) Spirit of God (our Mentor), these are sons of God.\*

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God the Holy Spirit is the head of our spiritual lives...Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 15...

/ROM 8:15

*For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”\*

/ROM 8:16

*The (Holy) Spirit (of God) Himself testifies with our (human) spirit that we are children of God...\*

/ROM 8:17

*...and if (I) children (and we are, then we are), heirs also, heirs of God (the Father) and fellow heirs with Christ, if (I) indeed we suffer with Him (Christ...and we do) so that we may also be glorified with Him.\*

God the Holy Spirit is active against anyone or anything that is out to hurt you...turn to Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 16...

/GAL 5:16

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.\*

/GAL 5:17

*For the flesh sets its desire against (God) the (Holy) Spirit, and the Spirit (sets its desire against ) against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.\*

/GAL 5:18

*But if (I) you (believers in Christ) are led by (God) the (Holy) Spirit (and you are), you are not under the (Mosaic) Law.\*

**/GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT’S ACTIONS ON YOUR BEHALF ARE NOT CONDITIONAL\**

/HEB 10:16

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*“THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,” He then says... \*

/HEB 10:17

*“AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I (God the Holy Spirit) WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.” \*

/GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

...is God

...is Sovereign

...has ministries to serve us

...acts on us

...is not conditional \

/1CO 2:9

*...but just as it is written, “THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.” \*

/1CO 2:10

*For to us God (the Father) revealed them (the depths) through (God) the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. \*

We have a lot to learn about exactly what it means to be En Pneumati... little of what we learn has anything to do with what we do...but it has everything to do with what God is doing for us.

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**/CLOSING SONG**

Come See a Man\

**CLOSING VERSES**

/PHI 1:6

*For I am confident of this very thing, that He (God the Father) who began a (divine) good work in (the creation of) you will (keep on) perfect(ing) it until the day of Christ Jesus.\*

/PSA 37:1-2

*Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers.//For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb.\*

/PHI 4:7

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard (garrison) your hearts and your minds (for those of you) in (union with) Christ Jesus.\*

**/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.

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

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