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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.

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**SHOW TEASER (0:00)**

When people find out that I'm a Christian, and they hear me use expletives like "hell" or "damn," they love "calling me out." They'll say, "I thought you were supposed to be a Christian!" I say, "I am." They say, "Well then how can you swear?" I say, "Like this...hell...damn!" Okay...if I'm being truthful, I use stronger expletives the second time. ☺

It's even worse when people find out I am a Pastor. When they see me drinking alcohol, and I'm talking about an occasional glass of wine, they love "calling me out." They say, "I thought you were a Pastor!" I say, "I am." They say, "How can you drink alcohol and be a Pastor?" I say, "Like this..." ... and I take another swallow.

Okay...maybe I'm a bit of a jerk about this, but here's what I know for sure. As a Christian, and as a Pastor, I'm saved, and I'm going to heaven...in fact, I'm going to be resurrected from the dead one day. Resurrected from the dead! When I do go to heaven, and when I am resurrected from the dead, the Lord Jesus Christ is not going to be too concerned about my swearing or my having an occasional glass of wine. In fact, First Timothy, Chapter 5, Verse 23 says...

First Timothy 5:23

*No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.*

And of course when I drink wine, that's what I'm doing! Actually, I couldn't resist using the bible to my advantage like so many people do when they are "calling me out."

The people who brought up my swearing and my drinking were calling me a hypocrite. They have an amazing grasp of the obvious. They're right. *I am* a hypocrite. So are they. So are you. In this program, you're going to learn what the Lord Jesus Christ does for hypocrites! Welcome to the program.

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**TODAY'S LESSON (00:00 with the song)**  
**Calling All Hypocrites!**

What is a hypocrite? It comes from the Greek word *hupocrites* and it means "someone who talks from behind a mask." You probably remember what drama masks look like...the smiley face and the frown face...well theater actors in ancient Greece used these masks to let the audience know when to laugh and when to be sad.

Here is the dictionary definition of a hypocrite...a very good definition...a person who pretends to have virtues, morals, religious beliefs, or principles that he does not actually possess...especially a person whose actions are different than their stated beliefs. So if you saw a Christian who swears or a Pastor who drinks, you could easily say, "He's a hypocrite!" However, the Christian Way of Living has little to do with swearing and drinking. It's actually a supernatural way of life that is much bigger than our sins.

In the last few radio shows we introduced the two lifestyles offered by God's enemy, Satan...LASCIVIOUSNESS and LEGALISM...as we studied the first passage in Romans, Chapter 2, Verses 1 to 11.

What is LASCIVIOUSNESS? It is a lifestyle inclined toward open indulgence in the lusts of the flesh, including an insatiable greed and a relentless pursuit of sexual things or the pursuit of any other things that are obviously not part of God's plan for mankind...many of them illegal things. It's the lifestyle of immorality.

What is LEGALISM? Legalism is a lifestyle of smugly moralistic conduct which is often intolerant of the opinions and behavior of others...it is having or showing an exaggerated awareness of your own virtue...it is engagement in self-love and self-flattery...it is the thought that you are better than others, and that you are due a set of privileges because of it...it is the thought that God likes you because of something inherently good in you. It's the lifestyle of morality.

Obviously those who are calling me a hypocrite are subscribers to the lifestyle of LEGALISM. They see it as their duty to point out what they think are my flaws...my sins...and the funny thing is, pointing out my flaws is something that my God does not do. Psalm 103, Verse 12...

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Psalm 103:12

*As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

Am I a hypocrite? Absolutely! Are you a hypocrite? Do you talk from behind a mask? Do you ever pretend to have virtues, morals, religious beliefs, or principles that you don't actually possess? Are you a person whose actions are different than your stated beliefs? Of course you are, hypocrite!

Whether you are moral, that is, LEGALISTIC...or immoral, that is, LASCIVIOUS, the bible pronounces you guilty of SIN and indicts your lifestyle in a passage that extends from Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18 to Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 20.

A lifestyle of SIN, whether moral or immoral, is a lifestyle that will meet God's WRATH. That *could* be bad news, if God wasn't willing to let you off the hook! So we're calling all hypocrites, because that is who the Lord Jesus Christ is looking for. Matthew, Chapter 9, Verses 10 to 13...

Matthew 9:10

*Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners (unbeliever prostitutes) came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.*

Matthew 9:11

*When the Pharisees saw this, they said to Jesus's disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners (unbeliever prostitutes)?"*

Matthew 9:12

*But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick need a physician."*

Matthew 9:13

*"But go and learn what this means: 'I (the Lord Jesus Christ) desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but I came to call sinners (unbelievers)."*

The Lord invites unbeliever hypocrites to salvation. Are you a hypocrite? If you are, the Lord Jesus Christ wants a relationship with you. As we move

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on to the study of the next passage of the indictment, Romans, Chapter 2, Verses 12 to 29, Paul, a Jew Himself, is taking on the Jews...a group of legalists. Here's the passage.

Romans 2:12

*For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law...*

Romans 2:13

*...for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.*

Romans 2:14

*For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves...*

Romans 2:15

*...in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them...*

Romans 2:16

*...on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.*

Romans 2:17

*But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God...*

Romans 2:18

*...and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law...*

Romans 2:19

*...and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness...*

Romans 2:20

*...a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth...*

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Romans 2:21

*...you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?*

Romans 2:22

*You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?*

Romans 2:23

*You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?*

Romans 2:24

*For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written.*

Romans 2:25

*For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.*

Romans 2:26

*So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?*

Romans 2:27

*And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?*

Romans 2:28

*For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.*

Romans 2:29

*But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.*

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The end of Romans Chapter 1 is an indictment of the LASCIVIOUS lifestyle. All of Romans, Chapter 2 is an indictment of the LEGALISTIC lifestyle.

Paul, a Jew, was selected by the Lord Jesus Christ as the apostle to the Gentiles. Why would the Lord do that in light of the fact that Paul is the biggest hypocrite of all time? That's what makes our God amazing. Sometimes, He is so subtle in His instruction, that it is mind boggling. Here's what it says in Acts, Chapter 22, Verses 17 to 22...

Acts 22:17

*"It happened when I (Paul) returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance..."*

Acts 22:18

*"...and I saw the Lord Jesus Christ saying to me, 'Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.'"*

Acts 22:19

*"And I (Paul) said, 'Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another I used to imprison and beat those who believed in You.'"*

Acts 22:20

*"'And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the coats of those who were slaying him.'"*

Acts 22:21

*"And the Lord Jesus Christ said to me, 'Go! For I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"*

The Lord picked a murderer to teach us. Who better to teach us than one who has made every mistake himself? Who better, for example, to teach about marriage than someone who has been divorced three times? Failures...hypocrites...make GREAT teachers. I should know! If you want a perfect teacher, God is your only choice. Human teachers ALL are hypocrites.

Here's how Paul describes himself in the third Chapter of Philippians... beginning at Verse 4...

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Philippians 3:4b-6

*If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh (and many do), I (Paul should) far more (put my confidence in the flesh)...*

Philippians 3:5

*...(I was) circumcised the eighth day (as is the custom for Jewish males), (I am) of the nation of Israel (I am a Jew), (I am) of the tribe of Benjamin, (I am) a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Mosaic Law, (I am) a Pharisee...*

Philippians 3:6

*...as to zeal, (I am) a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Mosaic Law, (I am) found blameless.*

Well now Paul, the Jew, who was talking to Gentile unbelievers in Rome, turns his attention to the Jews, who are thinking similarly to believers in Christ today as they are taught this consequences of sins passage...the Jews are thinking, "This doesn't apply to me!" Oh but it does! Today, we think the same thing. This isn't me!

One of Satan's best weapons directed at the human race is religion. At the base of all religions is the idea that you have to work for your own righteousness, that you have to work for your own salvation, and that you have to work to please God.

Well God created a religion, too. Judaism. And He created it to demonstrate the fruitlessness of religion. He gave the religion to the Jews, and it didn't give them righteousness. So here is the final passage in Romans, Chapter 2...Verses 12 to 29...in detail...listen closely...

Romans 2:12

*For all who have sinned without the (Mosaic) Law (a reference to the Gentiles who were not under the Mosaic Law) will also perish (be evaluated) without the (Mosaic) Law, and all who have sinned under the (Mosaic) Law will be judged by the (Mosaic) Law...*

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Paul has all the religious Jews in Rome shaking their heads in the affirmative...yes... yes...yes...Paul...that is a perfect description of us... then Paul lowers the boom. Romans, Chapter 2, Verse 21...

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*For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU (religious and phony Jews)," just as it is written (in Old Testament Scripture).*

Paul is talking to the Jews with a language they know and believe in...the Old Testament.

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Well, whether we are LASCIVIOUS or LEGALISTIC...all of us are hypocrites...and in spite of it all...God loves us unconditionally. Here's Barah Ministries Song Worship Leader June Murphy to sing a song from God's perspective...it's called When I Say I Love You...

SONG (5:19)  
WHEN I SAY I LOVE YOU  
June Murphy

God loves all of us hypocrites, even though we engage in the same syndrome that these Jews of Romans, Chapter 2 are engaging in...LEGALISM! When we think we have something in our lives that makes us righteous, often we get on a "soap box" to covert everyone else so that they'll be just as good as us. That's self-righteousness. That's morality. That's legalism. Isn't it perfect that the Lord Jesus Christ picked the most imperfect person of all time to be a teacher? Ephesians, Chapter 3, Verses 8 to 10...

Ephesians 3:8  
*To me (Paul), the very least of all saints (believers in Christ), this grace was given (to me by God), to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ...*

Ephesians 3:9  
*...and to bring to light the dispensation of the mystery, the Church Age, which for ages has been hidden in the God, the Lord Jesus Christ, who created all things...*

Ephesians 3:10  
*...so that the manifold wisdom of God (the Father) might now be made known through the church to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenly places.*

Paul says it this way in First Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verse 9...

First Corinthians 4:9  
*For, I (Paul) think, God (the Father) has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.*

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Our lives are a spectacle to the angels in the Supreme Court of Heaven... who look down on us and witness how we handle God's grace in this Age of Grace. The Jews, who were entrusted with the oracles of God through the Mosaic Law, didn't handle the Law very well. They used the Mosaic Law as a battering ram of self-righteousness, and they misused the trust God placed in them to persecute others when they were unrighteous themselves.

God is calling all hypocrites! He's calling all hypocrites to be saved...John, Chapter 3, Verses 16 to 18...

John 3:16

*"For God the Father so loved the world, unconditionally, and He loved it so much, that He gave His uniquely born Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*

John 3:17

*For God the Father did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.*

John 3:18

*He who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ is not judged; he who does not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the uniquely born Son of God.*

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."*

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."*

Welcome, hypocrites, into the arms of a God who is eager to see you be saved!

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**ANNOUNCER OUTRO (0:40)**

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