

**SERMON NOTES ♦ JANUARY 25, 2009**  
**Still More Inconvenient Truth**

**SERMON TEXT**  
**Romans 2:1-16 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. <sup>2</sup>We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup>Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup>Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? <sup>5</sup>But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>He will render to each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup>to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup>but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. <sup>9</sup>There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, <sup>10</sup>but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. <sup>11</sup>For God shows no partiality.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. <sup>14</sup>For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. <sup>15</sup>They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them <sup>16</sup>on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

**NOTES**

**I. To “good” people: You’re not as good as you think.**

**II. To “good” people: You need to repent.**

**III. To “good” people: Judgment Day is coming.**

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**January 25, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

Prelude: *Worthy of Worship* Blankenship

Christy Floyd

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship Clay Brown

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

An asterisk (\*) marks when those who are able will please stand.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

Call to Worship and Invocation Fred Coates

\*Hymn #322 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* WILLIAMS

Call to Confession Tyler Domske

Unison Prayer of Confession Tyler Domske

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy  
we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all  
our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain  
desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw  
near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and  
finding in you our refuge and strength. Through Jesus Christ  
our Lord; Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Tyler Domske

\*Response #34: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 2:6-12 Pew Bible, p. 213  
New Testament Reading: Romans 2:1-16 Sermon Notes  
Sermon: *Still More Inconvenient Truth* Clay Brown

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Clay Brown  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Minute for Mission: Marti Estes 5K-Mooresville Community Walk of Faith  
Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Once For All* Harrah  
Alan Sledge, solo

\*Response #688: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (v. 1) SCHUMANN  
**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith Fred Coates  
**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

### TAKING GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 384 *Rock of Ages* (vv. 1-3) HASTINGS  
\*Opportunities to Serve and Invitation to Discipleship Fred Coates  
\*Charge and Benediction Fred Coates  
\*Response # 384 *Rock of Ages* (v. 4) HASTINGS  
**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**  
\*Postlude: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* Ash Grove

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with the pastor in the chancel area following the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Jeff Stonestreet; Mac Herring; John & Carolyn Collett, Lynne Streetman's parents; Debbie Lackey's family; Lynn Briooks; Ruth Newell and Mary Beth Stutts' mother; Chris Creech's brother and father; Rebecca Auten; Dean Washburn; Fred Hoke; Aimee Culler's father; Lottie Massey; Don Fair; Mary Voils Aven; Bob Davidson; Clayton Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Cathy Brown's parents; David Ortwein, Ken Bernd's nephew; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson and all those who have recently lost loved ones.

**"Discovering God's Way of Handling Money":** We're offering a short Friday-Saturday workshop, Jan. 30-31, on managing your money. This video and application based workshop is from Crown Financial Ministries, a recognized leader in helping people to discover and apply Biblical principles for our personal finances. We will meet on Fri. from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and on Sat. from 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided for \$5 per person. Child care will be provided by advance reservation. Participants will need a course workbook available at the workshop for \$10 each. Please register by contacting the church office at 704-664-5275 or [nellie@mooresvillefirstpres.org](mailto:nellie@mooresvillefirstpres.org). If you have questions, contact Clay Brown at 704-664-5275 or [clay@mooresvillefirstpres.org](mailto:clay@mooresvillefirstpres.org).

**It's Chili Cook-off time again: TONIGHT! at 6:00 p.m.** will be a great opportunity to see just how well your chili measures up! To submit an entry in the contest, simply make a crockpot of your favorite chili to share and to be judged by popular vote. Votes will be made by the depositing of checks or cash (one vote per dollar) in your favorite chili's voting pot. All proceeds from the voting will be divided among local Mooresville charities. Admission is only \$4 for adults and \$2 for children (with a family maximum of \$15.)

**Lent will be upon us before we know it.** This coming Lent we will have our "Lent in the Living Room" small group emphasis. We meet in the homes of church members and discuss the Scripture passage that will be preached the following Sunday. This year we will focus on the Passion of Christ from the Gospel of Mark. We need host homes and facilitators. A host home is a person, couple, or family who allows a Lent in the Living Room group to meet in their home once a week for six weeks, from the week of February 22-28 through the week of March 29-April 4. A facilitator is someone who covenants to lead the group discussion, using the discussion questions provided in the Lent in the Living Room booklet. If you're interested in serving in either or both roles or have questions, please contact Clay Brown at 704-664-5275 or [clay@mooresvillefirstpres.org](mailto:clay@mooresvillefirstpres.org).

**Church School Social:** Everyone is encouraged to attend a Church School Social next Sunday, February 1, from 9:50 – 10:10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come enjoy fellowship, light refreshments, and an opportunity to learn more about Church School classes.

### CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 1, 2009

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
4:00 p.m. - Session  
4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF  
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF  
6:00 p.m. - Chili Cook-off

Monday: Preschool Closed  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates' home  
9:00 p.m. - SupperClub lock-in until 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Preschool Closed

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Super Bowl* night  
6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub @Steak & Hoagie/Tokyo  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home  
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

Friday: 6:00 p.m. - Cotillion  
7:00 p.m. - Financial Planning workshop

Saturday: 8:45 a.m. - Financial Planning workshop

Sunday 2/1: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with MSM Handbells  
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00 p.m. - PYF "Souper" Bowl Party

**The PYF will collecting non-perishable food items** for the "Souper Bowl" next Sunday, February 1, to donate to the local food mission. Bring any non-perishable food items you wish to donate with you to the worship services on Sunday, February 1. Youth will be in the back at the end of each service to collect your donations.

