

SERMON NOTES ♦ FEBRUARY 8, 2009
The Faimess Doctrine

SERMON TEXT
Romans 3:1-8 (ESV)

¹Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?
²Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,

"That you may be justified in your words,
and prevail when you are judged."

⁵But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) ⁶By no means! For then how could God judge the world?
⁷But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? ⁸And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

NOTES

I. A Reasonable Objection (vv. 1-2)

II. A Not-So-Reasonable Objection (vv. 3-4)

III. A Caustic Objection (vv. 5-6)

IV. An Absurd Objection (vv. 7-8)

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February 8, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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."

Invocation Clay Brown

Prelude: *Beautiful Savior* arr. PAGE
Christy Floyd

Choral Call to Worship: *Not By Might, Nor By Power* Larson
Chancel Choir

*Hymn #60: *I Will Sing of the Mercies* FILLMORE

Anthem: *Let Me Live To Serve You Lord* CLARK/THOMPSON
Logos Choir

Time with the Children Fred Coates

Call to Confession Tyler Domske

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned through ignorance. We have sinned through weakness. We have sinned through our own deliberate choices and actions. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your Name...

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn #451: *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-9 Pew Bible, p. 185
David Brooks

New Testament Reading: Romans 3:1-8 Sermon Notes

Sermon: *The Fairness Doctrine* Clay Brown

RESPONDING TO THE 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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Sovereign Majesty* FETKE
Chancel Choir

*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: *The Apostles' Creed* Fred Coates
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #72: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (w. 1-2) FAITHFULNESS

*Opportunities to Serve and Invitation to Discipleship Fred Coates

*Charge and Benediction Fred Coates

*Response #72: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (v. 3) FAITHFULNESS

*Postlude: *Jesu, Meines Herzens Freud* BACH

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lorena & Earl Skeen and IG & Mac Anderson by Bill and Terry Skeen.

Recent Prayer Requests: Carl Neal; Byron Crowley; Don Fair; Sarah Brawley; Anita Teeter; Jeff Stonestreet; Mary Beth Stutts & Ruth Newell's mother; Holly Lemons' father; Tony Ervin; Mac Herring; John & Carolyn Collett; Lynne Streetman's parents; Rebecca Auten; Dean Washburn; Fred Hoke; Aimee Culler's father; Lottie Massey; Mary Voils Aven; Bob Davidson; Clayton Davidson; Terry Stevens; Cathy Brown's parents; David Ortwein, Ken Bernd's nephew; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; the Kortright family and all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

Annual Talent Show & Church Supper: Our ninth annual Talent Show is next Sunday evening, February 15, following a covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The show is open to anyone and, yes, you can still sign up by simply seeing Alan Sledge anytime before Sunday evening. What can you expect to see on stage? Well, just about anything. There will be singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and even a few things that defy labeling. The purpose of the event is to share some fun, some laughs and fellowship with the church family. As usual, childcare will be provided during the show. The meal will be a covered dish supper coordinated by church hostess Jerilyn Fair and volunteers from Circle No. 3, assisted by members of the Christian Education Committee. The church will provide meat and drinks; you will bring the sides and desserts. There will be donation baskets on the tables to cover the cost of the meat. Come out for a night of family fun!

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting: Anyone interested in serving on the VBS Planning Committee is encouraged to attend a meeting this Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Session Room (Room 222). This year's VBS is scheduled for June 22-26.

Circle 5 will be meeting in the sunroom at Genesis Eldercare at 1:00 p.m. on February 10. They will carpool from the Academy Street parking lot at 12:45 p.m. They plan to help Martha Gragg celebrate her birthday.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia on Friday, February 20. The group plans to leave at 9:00 a.m., tour the museum and planetarium, and have lunch at Chantilly's in Gastonia. Admission cost is \$9. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

All women of the church are invited to a Valentine's Tea on this afternoon in the Parlor from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

2009 Congregational Directories are available at the rear of the sanctuary and in the parlor.

Calendar for February 8 – February 15, 2009

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir
2:00 p.m. - PW Women's Valentine Tea
2:00 p.m. - Mwandu Mission Exploratory Meeting at Lake Norman Fellowship
4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:00 p.m. - Deacons meeting
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor
6:15 p.m. - Circle No. 3 at the home of Kim Streb
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates' home

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle No. 4 in the parlor
1:00 p.m. - Circle No. 5 at Genesis * (see note below)
2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 6 in the parlor
6:00 p.m. - Circle No. 2 in the parlor
7:00 p.m. - VBS Meeting in the Session Room

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – Valentine's/Chocolate night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club @ Syd & Sam's
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

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

Friday: 6:00 p.m. - Cotillion

Sunday 2/15: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
5:00 p.m. - Catechism Club
5:30 p.m. - All PYF
6:00 p.m. - Pot Luck Supper and Talent Show