

SERMON NOTES ♦ FEBRUARY 15, 2009
Don't Fence Me In

SERMON TEXT
Romans 3:9-20 (NIV)

⁹What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. ¹⁰As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one;

¹¹there is no one who understands,
no one who seeks God.

¹²All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one."

¹³"Their throats are open graves;
their tongues practice deceit."

"The poison of vipers is on their lips."

¹⁴"Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

¹⁵"Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ruin and misery mark their ways,

¹⁷and the way of peace they do not know."

¹⁸"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

NOTES

The Law brings...

I. ...salvation?

II. ...condemnation?

III. ...comfort

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February 15, 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."

Introduction of New Members

Invocation

Prelude: *Dominus Regit Me* Dykes/Bradbury
Christy Floyd

Choral Call to Worship: *Sing A Joyful Song* Pethel
Chancel Choir

*Hymn #9: *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord* DARWALL'S 148TH

Time with the Children Tyler Domske

Call to Confession Fred Coates

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we come before you knowing full well that we are sinners. We have ignored your commands, and followed our own desires. We have followed what was easy instead of what was right. We have sinned. We come before you now in humility. Forgive us our sins. Forgive our selfish nature. Help us to live as followers of Christ, and not followers of our own sinful nature. We need you, Lord. Forgive us...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Fred Coates

*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 #348: <i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	THOMPSON
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 59:1-10	Pew Bible, p. 653-4
New Testament Reading: Romans 3:9-20	Sermon Notes
Sermon: <i>Don't Fence Me In</i>	Tyler Domske

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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: *Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray* Kitson
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 Nicene Creed* Fred Coates
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #422: <i>Amazing Grace</i> (vv. 1-4)	NEW BRITAIN
*Opportunities to Serve and Invitation to Discipleship	Clay Brown
*Charge and Benediction	
*Response #422: <i>Amazing Grace</i> (v. 5)	NEW BRITAIN
*Postlude: <i>Resonet in Laudibus</i>	Ludlow

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 honor of the fourth birthday of Mandy Abercrombie, Madison Copeland and Chase Garland by Roger and Debbie Hyatt.

Recent Prayer Requests: Anita Teeter; Byron Crowley; Don Fair; Sam Woodring; Mary Davidson; Sarah Brawley; Jeff Stonestreet; Mary Beth Stutts & Ruth Newell's mother; Holly Lemons' father; John & Carolyn Collett; Lynne Streetman's parents; Rebecca Auten; Fred Hoke; Mary Voils Aven; Bob 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 **tonight**, 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!

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

We have a new semi-monthly Bible Study meeting this week. It's called the "Parents' Bible Study," though the study is not a specific focus on parenting. Instead, the study will be a version of the Bible study that we do with the youth on each week. Study after study has shown that parents have the most impact and influence on their children, and this is a great way for you not only to be involved in a Bible study, but also to have a way to discuss that with our youth. The study will meet youth room on the first and second Tuesday of the month from 6:45-7:30, with a guarantee to end on time (you can walk out if it doesn't!). All are welcome (even non-parents)! Contact Tyler at tyler@moorevillefirstpres.org for more details.

Catechism Club will meet at 5:00 p.m. tonight.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, February 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The program will be presented by Jeep Hunter, featuring photography from his

years as a photographer for *The Charlotte Observer*. All senior adults are encouraged to attend – come and bring a friend!

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 elave 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.

The Mooresville Soup Kitchen invites you to our 2nd Soup Supper on Friday, February 27, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. As a part of our community, you share in our pride and our mission. Please join us as we celebrate our first year in our new home. For \$7.00 you will get a bowl of delicious soup, bread, homemade desserts and beverage. Tickets can be purchased at The Mooresville Soup Kitchen or at the door that night. 704-660-9010.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 15 – FEBRUARY 22, 2009

Sunday:	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
Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates' home 7:30 p.m. - Executive Committee
Tuesday:	10:30 a.m. - <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> Study 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon 6:45 p.m. - Parent's Bible Study in the Youth Room 7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Troop 166
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – <i>Nascar</i> night 6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub @ 5 Guys 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home 6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
Friday:	Newsletter Deadline 9:00 a.m. - Saints Alive trip to Schiele Museum 6:00 p.m. - Cotillion
Sunday 2/22:	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF 5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club with Mentors 6:30 p.m. - Mission Trip Parent's Information Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Session

The Prelude, *Dominus Regit Me*, is an arrangement of *King of Love My Shepherd Is* and *The Lord is My Shepherd*.