

**SERMON NOTES ♦ FEBRUARY 22, 2009**  
**Finally—Some Good News!**

**SERMON TEXT**

**Romans 3:21-30 (New Living Translation)**

<sup>21</sup>But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup>We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

<sup>23</sup>For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup>Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. <sup>25</sup>For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, <sup>26</sup>for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. <sup>28</sup>So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

<sup>29</sup>After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is. <sup>30</sup>There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

**NOTES**

**I. The most important "But now..." in history... (vv. 21-22)**

**II. How the good news works... (vv. 22-26)**

**III. How the good news doesn't work... (vv. 27-28)**

**IV. The scope of the good news... (vv. 29-30)**

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**February 22, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M.**

Prelude: *When We Walk With the Lord* Towner  
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

\*Hymn #148: *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

Time with the Children Fred Coates

Call to Confession Tyler Domske

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess to you that our perspectives and actions are twisted by pride. We see ourselves as pure when in reality we are stained, and mighty when in reality we are weak. We have failed to live in your love. We have neglected to be just. We have turned away from your truth. God of mercy, forgive our sin, so we may serve you joyfully and fearlessly. Through Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*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.**

