

SERMON NOTES ♦ JUNE 14, 2009
“The Reality We All Face”

SERMON TEXT: Romans 7:7-25 (NLT)

⁷Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, “You must not covet.” ⁸But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power. ⁹At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, ¹⁰and I died. So I discovered that the law’s commands, which were supposed to bring life, brought spiritual death instead. ¹¹Sin took advantage of those commands and deceived me; it used the commands to kill me. ¹²But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good.

¹³But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God’s good commands for its own evil purposes.

¹⁴So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. ¹⁵I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

¹⁸And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. ¹⁹I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰But if I do what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²²I love God’s law with all my heart. ²³But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God’s law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

NOTES

I. What sin does with the law...

II. Who is the “I” speaking?...

III. The reality we all face...

IV. The only remedy...

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

June 14, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME

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.”

Fred Coates

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION: Brandon Abernathy

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION: Psalm 124:8; 107:1-3

Leader: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say, whom he has redeemed
from trouble

**People: And gathered in from the lands, from the east and
from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Let us worship God! Let us pray...

PRELUDE: “Andante Cantabile”

Christy Floyd

Tchaikowsky

CHORAL INTROIT: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Chancel Choir

Akers

***HYMN 82:** “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Tyler Domske

CALL TO CONFESSION

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. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI #734** GREATOREX
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kim Streb

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Pew Bible, p. 681
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON LESSON: Romans 7:7-25 Sermon Notes
 Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "The Reality We All Face" Clay Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

OFFERTORY: "Good News!" arr. Simms

***DOXOLOGY #34** 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*** HYMN 476:** "I Need Thee Every Hour" (v. 1-3) NEED

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE 476:** "I Need Thee Every Hour" (v. 4) NEED

***POSTLUDE:** "Theme from Unfinished Symphony" Schubert

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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Andrews by Everett Andrews.

Camp Grier: Campers attending Camp Grier this week include:
Cherokee: Rose Sink, Rebecca Telinger; **Pioneer:** Maclean Bridges, Corinne Sink; **2-week Senior High Adventure:** Carson Bridges

Children in Action (CIA): All rising first through sixth graders are encouraged to attend Children in Action (CIA) activities this summer. This week's activity is a trip to Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury on Tuesday, June 16, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$8 (+ spending money), and includes the carousel, miniature golf, gem mine, and train ride. Participants should bring a bag lunch, beach towel and a change of clothes. Reservations are essential - please contact Ellen Auten (704-664- 5275).

Vacation Bible School: Today is the last day to register for Vacation Bible School. Registration forms may be found in the church parlor. This year's theme is "Kingdom of the Son: The Lord's Prayer Safari VBS." VBS is scheduled for June 22-26 from 9:30 a.m. - noon, with classes for 3 year olds through rising sixth grade.

"Go Wild with VBS" Decorating Event: PYF is invited to help with VBS decorating this Wednesday, June 17, from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served, and everyone is encouraged to join the fun as we decorate for the safari VBS. Wear your painting clothes!

Logos/MSM need volunteers in all areas for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact Gretchen Little (gretchenwittle@yahoo.com or 704-528-9796) or Lisa Davidson (lisasdavidson@hotmail.com or 704-662-9393) if you feel called to serve in this ministry.

Correction: An announcement in last week's bulletin stating that the Diaconate would meet this evening was incorrect. The Deacons will meet on Sunday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m.

The Personnel Committee is currently reviewing the data from the surveys. In order to provide a meaningful and accurate analysis of the information that you have provided for us, we will be presenting a summary of the findings at the end of August as members return from summer vacations. Thank you for your patience, support, and prayers.

Calendar for June 1-4-21, 2009

Sunday: **VBS Registration Deadline**
 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 Eagle Scout presentation
 5:00 p.m. - All PYF *Rockstravaganza!*
 7:00 p.m. - Missions Committee

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Children in Action to Dan Nichols Park

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
 12:00 p.m. - PYF "Go Wild with VBS"
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home

Friday: Newsletter Deadline

Sunday 6/14: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
 10:00 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship

Recent Prayer Requests: Ellie Den Bleyker; Lynda Robinson's sister, Elaine Knight and family; Terry Stevens; Anita Teeter; Suzy Brawley; Patricia Cote, neighbor of Brandon Corolla; Bill Raffety's father, Mick Raffety; Bob Davidson; Rebecca Auten; Mary Voils Aven; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown's parents, especially her dad; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1st Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

YTD (May 31) Budget	\$319,767.00
YTD (May 31) Receipts	\$336,155.00
Surplus	\$16,388.00