

SERMON NOTES ♦ JULY 5, 2009
“The Glory to Be Revealed”

SERMON TEXT
Romans 8:18-30 (ESV)

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

NOTES

1. The “weight” and the “wait” of glory... (v. 18)
2. Creation waits... (vv. 19-22)
3. We wait ... (vv. 23-25)
4. Take courage: good things come to those who wait... (vv. 26-30)

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

July 5, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Fred Coates
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.”

PRELUDE: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Doran
Peggy Davidson

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Battle Hymn of the Republic” arr. Wilhousky
Chancel Choir

INVOCATION

***HYMN 513** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” WEBB

CHILDREN’S SERMON Clay Brown

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we confess our need for you. We cannot live apart from you, yet we usually act as though we can. We confess our failings. There is so much that seduces us away from complete trust in you, and we have given in to temptation. We confess our humanness. We harbor grudges, we cling to biases, and we nurture hatred. We confess our faithlessness. We give in to despair, and we insulate ourselves from hope, fearing disappointment. Forgive us, Lord, and free us so we may live for you...

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***HYMN 727:** “America the Beautiful” MATERNA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Charlton Allen

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 42:1-11 Pew Bible, p. 496

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON LESSON: Romans 8:18-30 Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "The Glory to Be Revealed" Clay Brown

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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: "The Walls of Zion" Page

***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**

***SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** From Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 514:** "Be Strong in the Lord" vv. 1-2 STRENGTH

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 514:** "Be Strong in the Lord" v. 3 STRENGTH

***POSTLUDE**

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.

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 by Bill and Terry Skeen.

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.

Email Issues! Please know we at the church have had difficulties this past week with our email. We have been able to receive but not to send. Please be patient with us as we work out and correct these problems.

Annual July 4th Church Picnic today at 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited, especially our guests! Casual dress requested—if you wore a coat and tie today, take it off. The church provides pork barbeque and Deluxe Ice Cream for \$2 per person. We'll have places both inside and outside to sit, eat, and share fellowship with our church family.

Children in Action (CIA): All rising first through sixth graders are invited to this week's CIA activity, a trip to the CPCC Summer Theater in Charlotte to see a production of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," on Tuesday, July 7. Participants should be at the church by 8:30 a.m. and will return by 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 and reservations are essential. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

Combined Church School Class: All adult, senior high, and middle school classes are encouraged to attend a combined church school class on July 12, 19, 26, and August 2. The class will be held in the fellowship hall from 10:00-10:45 a.m, with light refreshments and fellowship prior to the class. Next Sunday's class will focus on the PYF Mission Trip to Washington, DC, with the Center for Student Missions organization.

Saints Alive Peach Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning its annual "peach picking" trip to The Peach Tree in York, SC, on Thursday, July 16. The group plans to leave at 9:00 a.m., visit The Peach Tree, and have lunch in the area before returning to Mooresville in the late afternoon. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

Calendar for July 5-12, 2009

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
12:00 p.m. - Annual Church Picnic

Monday: **Church Office Closed**

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - CIA to CPCC Summer Theater

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:00 p.m. - PYF Just Desserts @ Sonic & Mission Trip Wrap-up
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

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

Sunday 7/12: 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Combined Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

Change in Deacons' Meeting Schedule: The Diaconate will not meet for its stated meeting in the month of July.

Recent Prayer Requests: Jan and Caroline Hampton; Byron Crowley; the Davidson family; Anita Teeter; Ellie Den Bleyker; Terry Stevens; Lottie Massey; Lynda Robinson and Richard Mack's sister, Elaine Knight and family; Suzy Brawley; Patricia Cote, neighbor of Brandon Corolla; Bill Raffety's father, Mick Raffety; 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.

At Lake Norman Fellowship today is our Associate Pastor for Youth, Tyler Domske. He is assisting LNF in its worship and communion service this morning as pastor Doug Vinez is leading a mission trip to Mwandia, Zambia.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

YTD (May31) Budget	\$319,767.00
YTD (May 31) Receipts	\$336,155.00
Surplus	\$16,388.00