

SERMON NOTES ♦ JULY 12, 2009
“If God Is For Us...”

SERMON TEXT

Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

NOTES

IF GOD IS FOR US...

1. Nobody/nothing can prevail against us, for the God who gave his Son for us will give us all we need...

2. Nobody/nothing can accuse us, for the God who chooses us also declares us “not guilty” in Christ...

3. Nobody/nothing can condemn us, for the God who died for us also defeated death and is our advocate...

4. Nobody/nothing can separate us from Christ's love, for the God who loves us empowers us to overcome...

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

July 12, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

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.”

PRELUDE

Peggy Davidson

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Canticle of Praise”

Larson

Chancel Choir

INVOCATION

***HYMN 21 “This Is My Father's World”**

TERRA BEATA

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tyler Domske

CALL TO CONFESSION

Fred Coates

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength...

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 668: “Wonderful Words of Life”**

WORDS OF LIFE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 13:25—14:9
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Pew Bible, p. 129

SERMON LESSON: Romans 8:31-39
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

SERMON: "If God Is For Us..."
Clay Brown

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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: "If God Is For Us"
Chancel Choir McCormick

McCormick

***DOXOLOGY 34**
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.

OLD 100TH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 414:** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" vv. 1-4 DUKE STREET

***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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 414:** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" v. 5 DUKE STREET

***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.

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 honor of the 53rd wedding anniversary of Ray and Billie Brawley by their family.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Carroll Teeter and family in the death of his wife, Anita on July 4; to Nick Smith and family in the recent death of his father, Nick, Sr. and to David Nelson and family in the recent death of his father.

Saints Alive Peach Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning its annual "peach picking" trip to The Peach Tree in York, SC, this 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.

Saints Alive Beach Trip: The annual Saints Alive beach trip is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, through Friday, October 30, at Island Vista in Myrtle Beach, SC. Room deposits are due by Wednesday, July 29. Please contact Ellen Auten to make your reservation. Detailed information may be found in the July newsletter.

Children in Action (CIA): All rising first through sixth graders are invited to this week's CIA activity, a trip to Historic Gold Hill, on Tuesday, July 14. Participants should be at the church at 9:00 a.m. and will return by 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$6; 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. This week's class will focus on the PYF Mission Trip to Washington, DC, with the Center for Student Missions organization. Valerie Chamberlain, director of the Mooresville Christian Mission, will speak at next Sunday's class session.

Logos/MSM is still in need volunteers 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.

Calendar for July 12 - 19, 2009

Sunday: 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

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - CIA to Historic Gold Hill

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:00 p.m. - PYF Just Desserts @ Cookout
7:30 p.m. - *No Chancel Choir practice this week*

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Saints Alive Peach Trip
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home

Saturday: PYF leaves for Mission Conference

Sunday 7/19: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Combined Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Recent Prayer Requests: The Teeter family; the Nick Smith family; Helen Voils; Pam Winters' sister, Reaves Geist; Billie Bryant and family; Jan and Caroline Hampton; Byron Crowley; the Davidson family; Terry Stevens; Lottie Massey; Suzy Brawley; 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.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

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

A Note of Thanks... Thank you for your calls, cards, visits and prayers during my hospital stay and recuperative time at home. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. *Ellie Den Bleyker*

Thanks to Peggy Davidson, our pianist this morning, who is filling in for Christy Floyd while she is recuperating from illness.

In Memoriam

Anita S. Teeter

April 2, 1944 - July 4, 2009

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13