

SERMON NOTES ♦ JULY 19, 2009
“Is God Fair?”

SERMON TEXT

Romans 9:1-13 (ESV)

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

NOTES

I. Sorrow (vv. 1-3)

II. Signs (vv. 4-5)

III. Salvation (vv. 6-8)

IV. Sovereignty (9-13)

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

July 19, 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

Billie Brawley

INVOCATION

Almighty God, we have gathered as part of the body of Christ this morning boldly to offer You our prayers and praise, our thanksgiving and our devotion, for You alone are worthy. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship You that we might be fully present here with You, setting aside any distracting thoughts or trivial concerns. May our words and thoughts, whether spoken, silent or sung, be to Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 56** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FRUEDEN ZART

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and forgiving God, we are conflicted! We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude. We confess that we succumb to the allures of this world — having more, doing more, running faster and harder — and all the while, we fail to see the needs of our neighbors and ignore the needs of our own souls. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive Your grace. Refresh our spirits with the fresh breeze of Your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion and generosity. This we ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, while we were yet sinners, Jesus Christ came to forgive, to redeem and to restore us to a right relationship with God. So, then, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 25: 19-23 Pew Bible, p. 21
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN 564:** "God Is Working His Purpose Out" PURPOSE

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

SERMON: "Is God Fair?" Fred Coates

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: "More Than Wonderful" Wolfe
Rebecca Auten and Jordan Sledge

***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 708:** "Go Forth for God" (vv. 1-3) GENEVA 124

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the

holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 708:** "Go Forth for God" (v. 4) GENEVA 124

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Bedo and Pat Cuberson's 52nd wedding anniversary by Carole Crews. The flowers in the vestibule are given to the Glory of God by the Mack Family, in loving memory of our grandfather and great grandfather, John Mack, in celebration of our family's 106 years in America.

Children in Action (CIA): All rising first through sixth graders are invited to this week's CIA activity, swimming at the Kidwell's pool from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bring swimming gear and a bag lunch. 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 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 morning, Valerie Chamberlain, director of the Mooresville Christian Mission, will speak to the class. Next Sunday, the class will see the DVD, *John Calvin, His Life and Legacy*, Part 1.

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.

Camp Grier: Ellie Rader is attending Cherokee Camp at Camp Grier this week.

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 (lidasdavidson@hotmail.com or 704-662-9393) if you feel called to serve in this ministry.

Saturday, July 18th, several of our youth departed with for the New Wilmington Mission Conference (NWMC), held on the campus of Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania just north of Pittsburgh. In some ways comparable to Montreat, NWMC is a multi-generational experience that will engage our youth with speakers, activities, and fellowship. Youth from around the country are connected with real missionaries to better understand what mission truly looks like, and are often surprised to find that it is not just in foreign lands, but also right at their doorstep. All of that is mixed together with a big dose of fun. Please be in prayer for God to be working in and through our youth this week, and for safe travel as they return home next Sunday, July 26th.

Calendar for July 19 - 12, 2009

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

Monday: Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Swimming at Kidwell's pool
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

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

Sunday 7/26: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Combined Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
7:00 p.m. - Session

Recent Prayer Requests: Cathy Brown and family; Terry Stevens; Lottie Massey; Rebecca Auten; Pam Winters' sister, Reaves Geist; Jan and Caroline Hampton; Suzy Brawley; Bill Raffety's father, Mick Raffety; Mary Voils Aven; Tip McGee; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1st Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

January – June
YTD Budget \$385,161.00
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Christian sympathy is expressed to Cathy Brown and the entire family in the death of her father, Curtis Blake on July 12.

Thanks to Billie Brawley, our organist this morning, who is filling in for Christy Floyd while she continues to recover.