

SERMON NOTES ♦ AUGUST 2, 2009
“Righteousness for All”

SERMON TEXT

Romans 9:30-10:13 (ESV)

³⁰What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³²Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

^{9:1}Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

NOTES

I. A Misguided Pursuit of Righteousness (vv. 9:30-33)

II. A Misguided Zeal for Righteousness (vv. 10:1-4)

III. A Righteousness for All (vv. 5-12)

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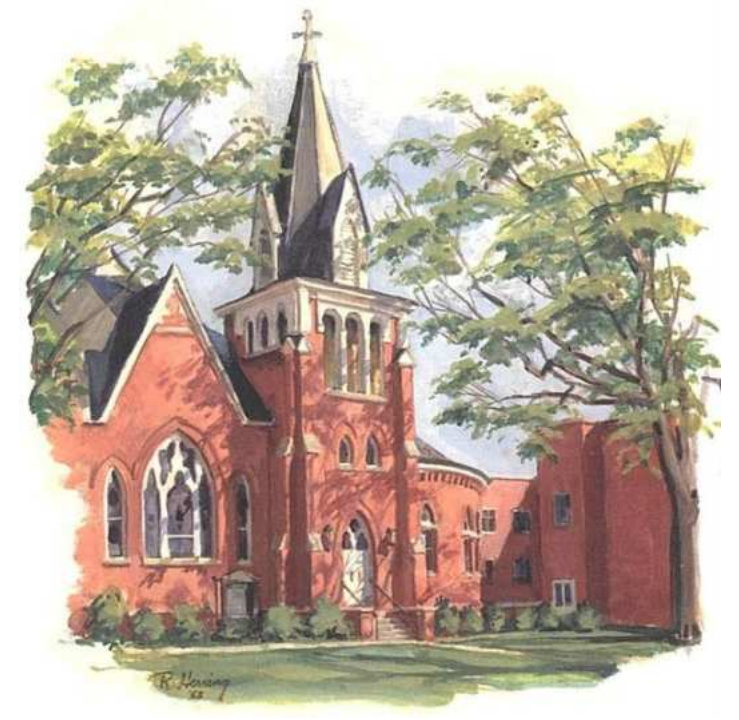
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

August 2, 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.”

PRELUDE: “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” arr. Jones
Christy Floyd

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Sing A Joyful Song” Pethel
Chancel Choir

INVOCATION

Grant, Almighty God, that as You would have our life to be formed by the rule of Your law, and have there revealed to us what pleases You, that we may not wander in uncertainty, but render obedience to You— Oh grant that we may wholly submit ourselves to You, and not only devote our whole life and all our labors to You, but also offer to You as a sacrifice our understanding and whatever prudence and reason we possess, so that by spiritually serving You we may really glorify Your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—John Calvin, *Devotions and Prayers of John Calvin.*

***HYMN 46:** “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” AMSTERDAM

CHILDREN’S SERMON Tyler Domske

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous and everlasting God, we confess that we are trapped by sin. We cannot free ourselves. Just when we think we have conquered one sin, another shows its ugly face. We resist one temptation, only to fall for three others. We discipline our tongues to avoid sinful expression, only to be horrified by the vile thoughts and imaginings that arise from deep within us. The impulses of conceit and greed, lust and anger pound through us, wearing down our resistance. Help us, Lord. Deliver us from sins that threaten to overwhelm us. For Jesus' sake, blot out all our offenses. Renew us through the healing, redeeming power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us grace to live as Your faithful people, confident in Your love, joyous in Your mercy, bold in Your truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows that we know better. His forbearance is divine, the store of His forgiveness inexhaustible. By the gift of His only Son He has shown us to what length He will go to redeem us.

By his Spirit working in us and among us, God offers to all who truly seek it, a new and abundant life.

Dear friends in Christ, hear again and believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*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.

*HYMN 319: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Ballard

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Pew Bible, pp. 184

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON LESSON: Romans 9:30-10:13

Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "Righteousness for All"

Fred Coates

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: "Write Your Blessed Name"

Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name... Amen

*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 553: "Go to the World!" vv. 1-3

ENGLEBERG

*AFFIRMATION: *The Confession of 1967*, § 9.18-19

God expressed His love for all mankind through Israel, whom He chose to be His covenant people to serve Him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, He disciplined the nation with His judgments and maintained His cause through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose for Israel and for mankind would be realized.

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be His servant for the reconciliation of the world.

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE: "Go to the World!" v. 4

ENGLEBERG

*POSTLUDE: "Rigaudon"

Campra

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 by the Fellowship Committee to the glory of God and in appreciation to Bill and Carolyn Brawley for their faithful service in providing refreshments for the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Calendar for August 2- 9, 2009

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

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

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

Sunday 8/9: 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
5:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meeting

Recent Prayer Requests: Sue Stevens and family; 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.

Labor Day Weekend Mission Trip Opportunity:

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Labor Day Weekend Mission, Thursday, September 3 through Monday, September 7. The group will travel to Slidell, Louisiana (just northeast of New Orleans), to work with the Presbyterian Community Outreach (PCO) Center to repair storm damaged homes in the area.

The only cost to be a part of the group will be for personal expenses (primarily food). Transportation will be funded by the Missions Committee and (air-conditioned) housing will be provided by the PCO. Registration forms are available on the church web site and in the church office. Contact Fred Coates for more details.



Combined Church School: All adult, senior high and middle school classes are invited to attend the last session of our combined church school class this morning in the fellowship hall, from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. The class will be watching the DVD, *John Calvin: His Life and Legacy, Part 2*. Regular classes will resume next Sunday, August 9.

Camp Grier Congregational Retreat: Everyone in our church family is encouraged to attend the annual congregational Labor Day Retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, scheduled for Friday, September 4 through Sunday, September 6. You may come for all or part of the weekend. Informational brochures may be found at the rear of the sanctuary, in the parlor, and in the church office. Registration forms and payments are due by Friday, August 29.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

January - June

YTD Budget \$385,161.00

Surplus/<Deficit> <\$1,192>