PREACHING NOTES: SIMON NUNN, 20.8.17

“We preach Christ crucified ...”

**It Doesn’t Play Well ....**

“Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”” (Mark 10: 15)

“When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered ...” (Acts 17: 32)

“... we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God”

(1 Corinthians 1: 21-24)

“Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God” (James 4: 4)

“If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world” (1 John 2: 15-16)

**Sin and its consequences**

“All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags” (Isaiah 64: 6)

“... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ...”

(Romans 3: 23)

“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it” (James 2: 10)

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us”

(1 John 1: 8 )

“For the wages of sin is death ...” (Romans 6: 23)

“... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness”

(Hebrews 9: 22)

**The Way of Salvation**

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1: 15)

“God our Saviour wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men” (1 Timothy 2: 3-6)

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4: 9-10)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1: 9)

*There was no other good enough*

*To pay the price of sin;*

*He, only, could unlock the gate*

*Of heaven, and let us in.*

*- Frances Alexander*

*Your blood speaks a better word
Than all the empty claims I've heard upon this earth
Speaks righteousness for me
And stands in my defence
Jesus it's Your blood*

*What can wash away our sins?
What can make us whole again?
Nothing but the blood
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can wash us pure as snow?
Welcomed as the friends of God?
Nothing but Your blood
Nothing but Your blood King Jesus*

*Your cross testifies in grace
Tells of the Father's heart to make a way for us
Now boldly we approach
Not by earthly confidence
It's only Your blood*

*Matt Redman*

**“What shall we do?”**

“Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

- Acts 2: 36-39

*There’s a way back to God,*

*From the dark paths of sin;*

*There’s a door that is open ,*

*And you may go in.*

*At Calvary’s Cross is where you begin,*

*When you come as a sinner to Jesus*

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour.

But now he [God] has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation –

if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel”

(Colossians 1: 21-23)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

John 3: 16-18 (NIV)