

GOOD NEWS FROM ATHLONE [*continued*]

coverage for our meeting. Paddy O’Gorman, a journalist who works for Sean O’Rourke’s primetime RTE show, attended the meeting, recorded part of the service and interviewed those in attendance. This resulted in a ten-minute feature on RTE 1 national radio that was most favourable to our work. Please continue to pray for all those who participate in this evangelistic campaign, both on the bi-monthly outreach teams (it was Part II for Galway on Saturday, 4 October) and in the monthly meetings.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday, 8 October @ 8.00pm: Missionary Meeting – **FAME Deputation**, with Mr. Rodney Davidson (Kenya)
- Saturday, 11 October @ 9.30am: Children & Youth Workers **TRAINING DAY**.
- Lord’s Day, 26 October and Monday evening (8.00pm),

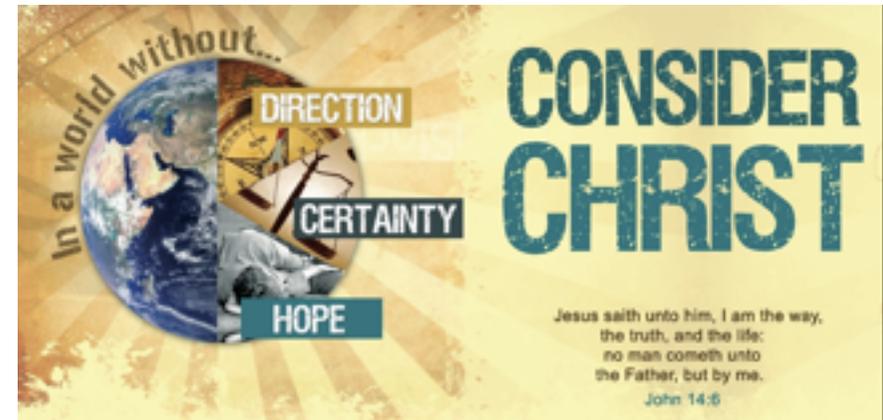
27 October: **HARVEST SERVICES 2014**.

MEETINGS TODAY

- Sunday School & Bible Class – 10.15am
- Morning Worship – 11.30am
- Adult Bible Class – 3.10pm (with Rev. Ian Kenny)
- Evening Service – 7.00pm
- Ladies Meeting – 8.30pm (with Mrs. Karen Murray)

INSPIRATION IN A SENTENCE

“I hold not only that the Bible contains the Word of God, but that every jot of it was written, or brought together, by Divine inspiration, and is the Word of God.” (J.C. Ryle)



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One of the best ever meetings under the ‘Consider Christ’ banner was held on Monday evening, 29 September 2014, in Athlone. Twenty-four local people assembled for the meeting in the Prince of Wales hotel in the centre of this town in County Westmeath. These included the solid core of people who regularly attend these monthly meetings, plus several new faces and some who had not been in attendance for a considerable time. The message of the Gospel was powerfully preached by Mr Colin Maxwell, our missionary to the South of Ireland. Fifteen copies of the Scriptures, thirty New Testaments and plenty of sound biblical literature were distributed.

One of the regular attenders had challenged RTE, pointing out that their broadcasting was distinctly biased in favour of the Roman Catholic Church, and inviting them to provide some

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A SERMON FOR SEEKING SOULS SIMPLE – YET SIGNIFICANT

Text: **Romans 10:13.**

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

When the highly influential Baptist preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, delivered a sermon based on **Romans 10:13** at the Music Hall, Royal Surrey Gardens, London, on Sabbath Morning, July 12, 1857, he entitled his message: ‘A Simple Sermon For Seeking Souls.’

Given the fact that this text talks of men being saved, **it implies that men need saving.** This is due, not only to the fact that we are all sons of fallen Adam, but also that, individually, we fall into sins ourselves (**Romans 3:23**).

Salvation revolves around two things:

- deliverance, on the one hand, from the habit of living in opposition to God and His ways;
- and, on the other hand, from the punishment that is a necessary consequence of our rebellion and sin.

How does this happen? How can a person become a Christian – to have new thoughts, new minds, new hearts, and then, to have a new home for ever at God’s right hand in heaven?

(1) EXPLANATION.

What does it mean to, *“call upon the name of the Lord”*?

This word **“call”** signifies **(a) WORSHIP.** (cf. **Genesis 4:26**). Which means that whoever, in humble devotion, in God’s house, or out of it – whoever shall worship God with a pure heart, looking for acceptance through the atonement of Christ, and humbly throws himself upon the mercy of God, shall be saved.

• The word **“call”** in the Bible clearly means **(b) PRAYER.** Detailing his own conversion, Spurgeon said: *“But mark that sweet thought: prayer is the certain forerunner of salvation. Sinner, thou canst not pray and perish; prayer and perishing are two things that never go together. I ask you not what your prayer is; it may be a groan, it may be a tear, a wordless prayer, or a prayer in broken English, ungrammatical and harsh to the ear: but if it be a prayer from the inmost heart, thou shalt be saved; or else this promise is a lie.”*

• The word **“call”** signifies a little more, it signifies **(c) TRUST.** A man cannot call upon the name of the Lord, unless he relies upon the name, Person and work of Christ. (cf. Larger Catechism, Q49).

Will you believe this? Will you trust your soul to it? Will you say, *“Sink or swim, Christ Jesus is my hope; and if I perish I will perish with my arms around His cross, crying—*

*‘Nothing in my hands I bring
Simply to the cross I cling?’”*

If you can do this, you will be saved.

• Calling on the name of the Lord signifies **(d) CONFESSING HIS NAME.** This is where Paul begins in **verses 9&10 of Romans 10:** *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved”*

The point is: the mouth confesses what the heart believes, ... and what the heart believes when it believes that God raised Jesus from the dead, is that Jesus is Lord! (**Mark 8:38**, cf. **Luke 9:26**).

To every sinner whom God has awakened to feel his or her need of a Saviour, hear the way of salvation: worship, prayer, faith, confession: *“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

[To catch up on any messages you may have missed from the Martyrs pulpit, call in at our church site – http://www.freepresbyterian.org/church/martyrs_memorial – and scroll down to “Sermons”]