CREEKSIDE'S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, April 28, 2019

GOD QUESTIONS

IS THERE REALLY A GOD?

Here are the questions we are addressing in this series:
Is there really a God?
Does science disprove Christianity?
How can God allow evil and suffering?
Is there really only one way to God?
Who is Jesus?

Some Foundational "Stuff":

- 1. The God Question Is Arguably The Most Important Question
- 2. Every Position Related To The Existence Of God Is A Faith Position
- 3. There Are Three Influences That Shape What We Choose To Believe

The Reason Influence
The Personality Influence
The Relationships Influence

- 4. Everyone Has The Right And Freedom To Believe What They Want To Believe.
- 5. Christianity Is Not A Leave Your Brains At The Door Faith System
- 6. Many Christians And Atheists Do Not Know Why They Believe What They Believe

DOES GOD REALLY EXIST?

No one can prove God exists. No one can prove God does not exist. I believe the evidence, the fingerprints, the clues, strongly, very strongly point in favour of the existence of God. To say it another way, I believe that the existence of God is a much better explanation or answer to the questions we are asking than the answers atheism provides. Theism is a much better explanation than atheistic evolution.

THREE CLUES THAT THERE IS A GOD

1. THE EXISTENCE OF MORALITY:

Human beings have within them a universal sense of moral "oughtness". When we believe that life isn't fair, when we are not being treated as we feel we ought to be treated, we appeal to this

moral standard of behaviour which we are convinced every human understands intrinsically. It is as if a moral code has been etched on all of our hearts. The best explanation of this morality is that it came from God.

If there is no moral force in the universe why are we moral creatures?

They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.

Paul - Romans 2:15 NLT

Every law has a lawgiver.
There is an objective moral law.
Therefore, there is an objective moral lawgiver.

2. THE CAUSE AND EFFECT REALITY:

Every effect has a cause. When you go back far enough there has to be a cause that was uncaused. That uncaused cause has to be eternal, powerful, wise.

It is he who inhabits eternity.

Isaiah 57:15

Whatever begins to exist has a cause.
The universe began to exist.
Therefore, the universe had a cause.

3. THE DESIGN OF OUR UNIVERSE:

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Romans 1:20 NLT

Chance is not an explanation; it is a non-explanation and certainly the less rational of the two options

Mark Clark. The Problem of God p. 59

