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Reading: 1 Corinthians 15v1-11, Romans 1v1-4

Paul was clear about what he believed and on what basis he believed it. He wrote to his fellow Christians that they might have the same confidence that he had.

Paul was a preacher. He declared good tidings because men's hearts are darkened by sin and Satan tries to stop the light of the Lord from getting in. His preaching carried authority from God. The message of the gospel was not just for one person it has worldwide availability. The gospel is rooted in the scriptures and centred in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Romans 10v9

The message of the gospel is a message that can meet the need of the people. It is also a message that demands a response.

When Paul was saved (Acts 9) as a result of an interview with God he changed completely, he arose and was baptised then he began to preach.

What did he preach?

“[Christ died for our sins](#)” - what happened to the Lord Jesus did not just happen by chance – it was all in God's foreknowledge.

“[He was buried](#)” - no doubt as to his death.

“[He rose again](#)” - the resurrection is of vital importance to the gospel message. The Lord Jesus was raised in a body that wasn't subject to death. “[He ever liveth](#)”. Christianity is a life. The Lord Jesus was seen of men after the resurrection. The experience that Paul had was proof of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The call now goes out to “[repent and believe the gospel](#)”. To believe Him means salvation and eternity with God. To reject Him means judgment .

“[He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life](#)”