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Readings: Romans 1:15-18, 1 Timothy 1:15

The writer, Paul had been called Saul and despised the name of Christ. He had the ambition to do away with all who named the name of Christ. One day God met Saul in a spectacular way in his tracks on a mission to persecute Christians. A light came from heaven and the words “[Saul Saul why persecutest thou me?](#)” Saul realised the folly of his way and that he was going contrary to the word of God. Saul turned round and said “[Lord what wilt thou have me to do?](#)” In a split second he changed from a persecutor to a believer.

He could later write, “[I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ](#)”(Rom 1:16)

The Gospel is good news. It has been defined as, a thing that might be safely believed and a thing accepted as infallibly true.

John 3:17

God uses no other way to reach people than through the gospel.

Who is it available to? Everyone that believes without exception.

Salvation speaks of deliverance and safety.

Sin requires justice and judgment. We are all in sin and condemned. The worst of stains affecting humankind today is sin in the heart.

It is a “[faithful saying](#)”, it is trustworthy and you can believe it, it is reliable and you can depend on it. It is a statement worthy of everyone believing.

A gift can be meant for you but unless you accept it, it will never be yours.

Salvation is offered you as a gift but is not yours until you receive it.

A sinner is one who has broken God's law and the moral law. Everyone of us has failed.

Christ Jesus came with the intention, power and ability to save.

We cannot merit salvation, work for it or pay for it. All we can do is what God requires, we can receive the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

He did not come to condemn for we were already condemned. The Bible talks about humankind as “[conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity](#)” (Psalm 51:5).

We are sinners by nature but the Lord Jesus looked on us and loved us and was prepared to do something about it.

He was scrutinised, questioned and doubted.

“[He came to seek and save that which was lost](#)” (Luke 19:10)

What was lost? You and me because of sin, separated from God.

Sin had to be judged. For someone to be forgiven of their sin, God had to righteously judge the sin. He did that to the Lord Jesus Christ. “[made to meet upon upon the iniquity of us all](#)” (Isa 53:6).

Unfortunately some do not want to be in the scope of everyone. It is impossible to be independent and saved. Unless you trust on the Lord Jesus you cannot be saved.

There is no such thing as being too good to be saved or too bad to be saved.

Jesus Christ loves us with an intensity you cannot explain.

All that is left for you to do is trust the Lord Jesus as your Saviour. Trust in the one who deserves it, on the cross of Calvary He earned it.

You have a decision to make.

Is it Christ for me? Will Jesus be my Saviour?

There is no grey area – heaven or hell, saved or lost

“[What will you do with Jesus?](#)”