



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the Gospel of Romans. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word. Please read chapter 9 in preparation for next Sunday's study.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

There are no Bible studies during the school holiday.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLASS 9am

Please bring your children so that they can learn more about God. If you have any questions about this class, please speak to Shana.

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SUNDAY TIMES:

BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00

WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00

06 JULY 2025

Preacher: Quintin Le Roux

Sermon Topic: "Are you God's favourite?"

Scripture reading: Romans 9: 6 - 13

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Thando Ntozakhe

Opening Prayer: Carry Hagemann

Lord's Table: Mike Baisley

Closing Prayer: Jan Roberts

Attendance last Sunday: 39

Servers: Mike, Carry, Thando & Jan

A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

In the Bible, Paul, originally Saul, was a Jewish Pharisee who initially persecuted early Christians before experiencing a transformative encounter with Jesus. He became a key figure in the early church, known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the Roman Empire. Paul's letters, found in the New Testament, are a significant part of Christian scripture, shaping theology and influencing Christian thought.

Paul's early life and conversion: Paul was born in Tarsus, a Roman citizen and a Pharisee, known for his strict adherence to Jewish law. He initially persecuted Christians, even approving of the stoning of Stephen, an early Christian leader. On the road to Damascus, Paul had a dramatic encounter with Jesus, which led to his conversion and a radical change in his life.

Ministry and Teachings: After his conversion, Paul became a zealous missionary, traveling extensively throughout the Roman Empire to preach the gospel. He founded churches, particularly among Gentiles, and wrote numerous letters to these communities, providing guidance and encouragement.

Paul's letters, including those to the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, offer valuable insights into early Christian theology and practice.

Throughout his missionary life, Paul delivered the message of Christ to gentiles, preaching the importance of accepting that God overcame all evil in the world at the crucifixion of His son, Jesus.

Key Themes in Paul's Teachings:

Grace and Salvation: Paul emphasized that salvation is a gift from God through faith in Jesus Christ, not earned through good works.

Justification by Faith: He taught that people are declared righteous (justified) by God based on their faith in Jesus Christ, not on their adherence to the law.

The Church and the Body of Christ: Paul viewed the church as the body of Christ, a community united by faith and love, where believers are called to serve one another.

The Resurrection and the Return of Christ: Paul's writings often focus on the resurrection of Jesus and his future return, which he believed would usher in the reign of God.

BIBLE STUDIES

Studying God's Word is a crucial practice for spiritual growth, understanding God's will, and living a life aligned with His teachings. It involves reading, interpreting, and applying Scripture to daily life. (2 Timothy 2:15)

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Rudi and Tammy on their marriage yesterday, 5 July.

We wish you both a lifetime of love and happiness as you begin your journey together. As you start this new journey in life, may every day hold wonderful shared experiences! May God bless your union and deepen your love through the years.

BIRTHDAYS

Braam Le Roux – 7 July

May God bless you with another year filled with laughter, happiness, peace and good health!!

VISITORS

On behalf of our church family, we'd like to extend a welcome to our visitors. We extend a special welcome to all the visitors from out of town. It's wonderful to have all the Le Roux's from far visiting us today! We trust that you will be spiritually uplifted while worshipping God this morning.

THE APOSTLE PAUL

What are the four major teachings of Paul? (1) Jesus is the Christ, a fact verified by His Resurrection; (2) there are living witnesses of the Resurrection; (3) messianic prophecies are fulfilled in Christ; (4) though David's dead flesh will be corrupted, that of Christ will never be corrupted, because He is the Resurrection.

Paul's primary focus can be summarized as the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its transformative power for both individuals and communities.

MAKE JESUS THE CENTRE OF YOUR LIFE

Luke 1: 76 - 79 describes Zechariah's prophecy about his son, John the Baptist, highlighting his role as a prophet who will prepare the way for the Lord by preaching salvation and guiding people towards God's path of peace. The passage emphasizes John's ministry of forgiveness of sins and the subsequent divine light that will illuminate those in darkness.

Here's a more detailed look at what it means to make Jesus the centre of your life:

1. Surrender and Obedience:

- It means acknowledging that Jesus is Lord and actively submitting your will to His.
- This involves letting go of the desire to control your own life and instead, following His lead.

2. Prioritizing Jesus:

- This includes prioritizing time with Jesus through prayer and Bible study, seeking to understand His teachings.
- It means recognizing your need for God and actively seeking His presence in your daily life.

3. Finding Joy and Strength in Jesus:

- Making Jesus the centre can bring profound peace, forgiveness, healing, and strength, even in the midst of challenges.
- It allows you to experience joy and hope, regardless of your circumstances.

4. Reflecting Jesus in Your Actions:

- When Jesus is the centre, your actions and interactions with others will reflect His love, compassion, and forgiveness.
- It means living out your faith by loving your neighbours, forgiving others, and serving those around you.

5. Living a Christ-Centered Life:

- A Christ-centered life has the ultimate goal of giving glory to God.
- It means submitting all other goals and desires to the ultimate goal of honouring and serving Jesus.

In essence, making Jesus the centre is a transformative process that impacts every aspect of your life, leading to a deeper relationship with Him and a more fulfilling life.

Key points from Luke 1: 76 - 79:

- **Prophet of the Most High:**
Zechariah declares that John will be called the prophet of the Most High.
- **Preparing the Way:**
John's primary role is to prepare the hearts of the people for the coming of the Lord.
- **Knowledge of Salvation:**
He will preach to God's people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of sins.
- **Divine Light:**
The passage speaks of a "splendor-light from heaven" that will break upon those in darkness, guiding them towards the path of peace.
- **Tender Mercy:**
The prophecy is rooted in God's tender mercy and compassion for humanity.
- **Preparation for Christ's Return:**
Some interpretations extend John's role to include preparing the way for Christ's second coming, emphasizing that believers today also have a similar role.
- **Focus on Jesus:**
While Zechariah's song is about John, it also points to Jesus as the source of salvation and the one who brings light and peace.
- **Hope and Light:**
The passage is filled with hope and the promise of new life through Jesus, symbolized by the rising sun and the breaking dawn