

Based on the preaching from Sunday **16 August, 2026**, ‘**Making it real: believing and confessing**’

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Sermon Text: **Romans 10:1-4, 8-13**

Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- Romans 10 is in the middle of Paul’s explanation of what about Israel; why haven’t the Jews embraced God’s salvation in Christ?
- The Jews sought their own righteousness, through the law. The Gentiles accepted and embraced God’s offer of the righteousness of Christ by faith.
- Christ put an end to the law by fulfilling it, making the way for Christ’s righteousness to be available to everyone.
- To make Christ’s righteousness real in our lives though, to make the objective facts of salvation subjectively real in our lives, we must respond in two ways: confess that ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe that God raised him from the dead.
- We can confess Jesus as Lord by sharing how Jesus has changed our lives with a friend or family member, by being baptised, even by regularly attending and serving at church.



Bible Study: The Swedish Method [**Romans 10:1-4, 8-13**]

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for and taking note of the following four things:



Lightbulb: This should be something that ‘shines’ from the passage- whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for the reader’s life.

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