

Order of Service

Song: Christus Victus

Prayer

Song: Speak, O Lord

Bible Reading: Psalm 14 & Romans 3:9-20

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: The Perfect Wisdom of our God

- This is the story of a student from Bangladesh: *"I moved to Australia in 2004 from Bangladesh as a student. I was raised in a moderate Muslim family... Over time, I fell into a lifestyle of drinking alcohol, which eventually led to alcoholism... [I attended a church, but soon] I fell back into my old habits of drinking and gambling... Eventually, I responded again to Pa Brown's call and went to see him. After that visit, I began... taking my spiritual life more seriously. [Then], while having a long conversation with friends overseas about religious beliefs, something changed... I believe with all my heart that He is our Saviour, and that apart from Him, there is no eternal life."*
- *"Rejoice in the Lord always – I say it again, rejoice. Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."* – Phil. 4:4-5

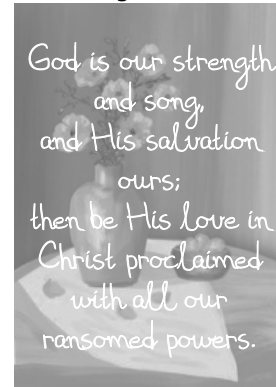
Q. What is true faith?

Q. True faith is not only a sure knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word, but also a hearty trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the Gospel, that not only to others, but to me also, forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

Walcha
Presbyterian
Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



Sunday 19 April 2026

Welcome and please join us for a cuppa after the service

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Notices

Membership- Membership is for professing Christians who are baptised. It is committing to a local church and requires a credible declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

Baptism- After the Lord Jesus rose from the dead he commanded baptism (Matt. 28:19; also Acts 10:48).

Talk to Graham, Doug or Gordon

Church at Auburn Vale – next week, Sunday 26th

April. See map for directions (about 25mins east of Walcha). BBQ lunch afterwards.

God's Word:

Apr 19 – Romans 3:9-20 (No one is righteous)

Apr 26 – Church at Auburn Vale (Luke Bartholomew)

May 3 – Romans 3:21-25

	19 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Kids' Talk	Linda	At Auburn Vale. See map.	Doug
Door	Eric		Val
Morning Tea	Bardens		Edith + Lorna

Romans 3:9-20

...under sin

- A preposition, *under*, and *The Bondage of the Will*

Are we any better? (v.9)

Probably means are we Jewish people any better than Gentiles before God? Not at all!

All people are *under* sin (v.9)

- *Under* gives the sense that we are trapped or enslaved.

*Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.*

Searching for someone who seeks God (v.10-12)

“no one righteous... Not even one... no one... No one... All have turned away... There is no one who does good, not even one.”

- These are quotations from Psalm 14:2 (v.11); Psalm 14:3 (v.12); Psalm 5:9 and Psalm 140:3 (v.13); Psalm 10:7 (v.14); and Isaiah 59:7-8 (v.15-17).

Twisted by sin (v.13-18)

- Notice the different body parts – mouth, feet.
- Every part of us is under sin.
- The seed of every sin lies concealed within my heart.

Every mouth is silenced (v.19)

- We are under God's law (written on heart and in God's Word), “*so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God (v.19).*”

God's law brings sin out into the open (v.20)

- In the first instance, God's law reveals my sin in order to drive me to Christ.

John Newton, “*I spent the greatest part of every day in reading the Scriptures, and in meditation and prayer. I fasted often: I even abstained from all animal food for three months... But it was a poor religion; it left me in many respects under the power of sin, and... only tended to make me gloomy, stupid, unsociable, and useless.*”

The answer comes in verse 21