"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God"

1 Corinthians 1:18

"We preach Christ crucified"

1 Corinthians 1:23

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord"

2 Corinthians 4:5

"I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you.... how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures"

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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"Ready to preach the gospel to you..."

The Gospel of God

The message that we preach is called the "gospel" because it is a word that means good news. The media dwells on bad news, whether it is international tensions and troubles; political and economic issues; crime and substance abuse; and much more. But the message we preach is very different.

It is different because it is totally reliable. It is good news we can depend on completely. This is because it the "the gospel of God" (Romans 1:1). And He is the "God, that cannot lie" (Titus 1:2). So in a world of uncertainty and constant change, there is a message which is true and trustworthy and promises those who believe it, that which is lasting, eternal and unchangeable.

But it is also different because it is good news. This message comes from "God, Who is rich in mercy for His great love wherewith He loved us" (Ephesians 2:4). And because He loves us, God desires the eternal blessing of each one of us. And so He brings us good news. He longs to save us from our sins; to spare us from eternal judgement because of our sins; and to give us eternal life and the hope of eternal glory. There is no better news anywhere.

The Gospel of the Grace of God

In Acts 20:24, Paul speaks of "the gospel of the grace of God". He had known this grace of God in his own life. Comparing himself with other sinners he wrote "I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15). And yet, on this chief of sinners, God had mercy, and when Paul believed on Christ Jesus he was saved to become a possessor of "life everlasting" (1 Timothy 1: 16).

Although we may not have sinned to the same extent as Paul, we are all nonetheless guilty of sin; "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). As sinners we turn our backs to God and go our own way. We disobey His commands; we reject His way; we are enemies of God (Romans 5:6/Colossians 1:21). So, we need His grace if we are to be saved from our sins.

The message we preach is such a message. While the gospel warns us of our sins and their eternal consequences, it does so on the basis that there is unlimited grace with God to forgive our sins and save us from perishing. Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God".

The Gospel of Christ

How can God bless the undeserving? How can He forgive the guilty? How can He reconcile His enemies? The answer lies in the fact that this is "the gospel of Christ" (Romans 1:16). God cannot act outside of His righteous character and overlook our sins. Neither is there any self-help in the matter of our sins. We can't simply 'wipe the slate clean'. Nor can we resolve the problem of our sin by good works or religious ceremony or by any religious office holder interceding on our behalf. We need a Saviour altogether different from ourselves and any other person.

And Christ is the only such Saviour of sinners; "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:5&6). The death of Christ at Calvary and faith in Him is the only way of salvation. Romans 1:16 continues; "the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth". Have you repented of your sins and believed? This message of good news and eternal life we are "ready to preach unto you" (Romans 1:15).