

40 Days of Prayer




Prayer
SEASON

October 16-November 24

Our Theme for 2022: “Blessed and Blessing”






The Blessings We Share

Romans Chapters 5-8

Romans 1:16

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*



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The blessing we celebrate today comes from Romans chapter 5: Grace



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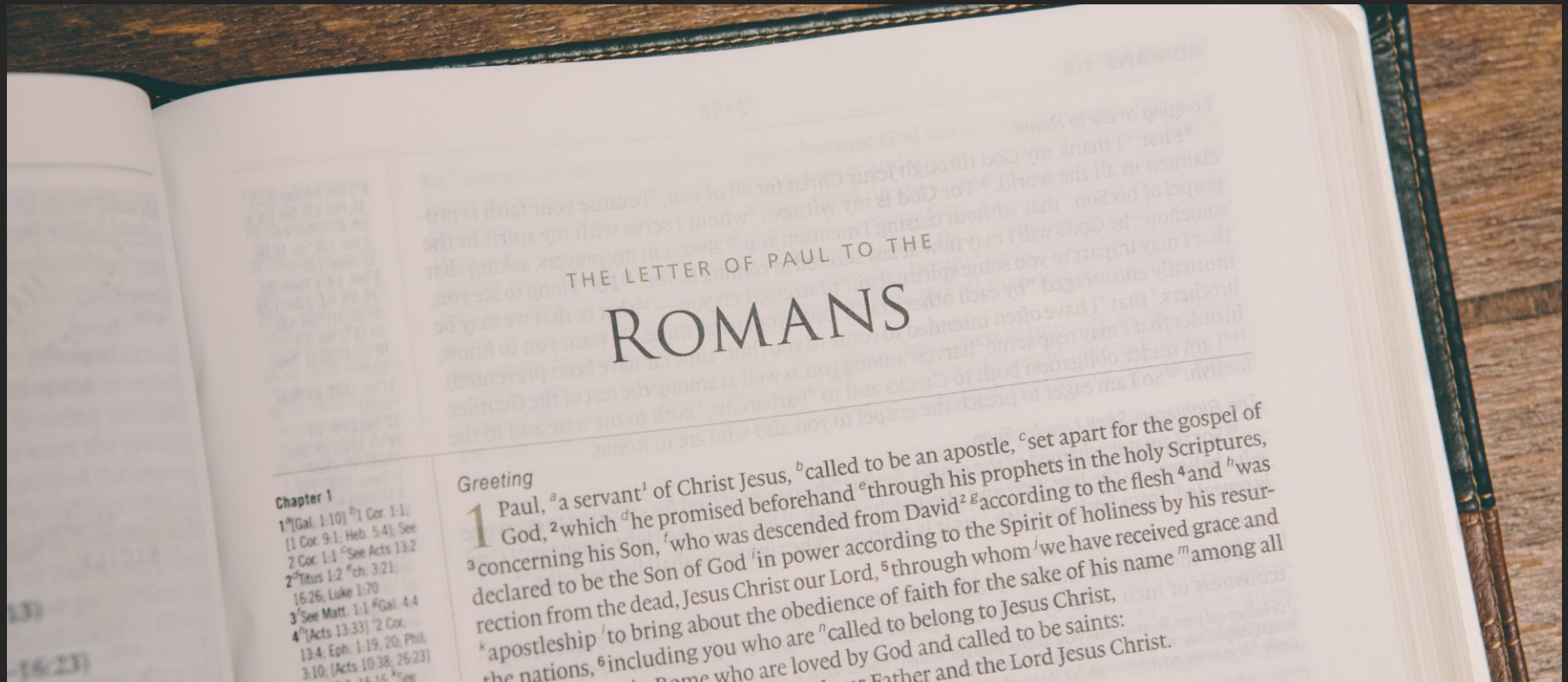
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¹⁶ The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in justification.

Grace is a “Free Gift”



➤ We do not deserve grace;
it comes from God's love.

Romans 5:6-9

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

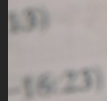
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⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.

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➤ We must accept God's grace,
and we must stand firmly in it.

Romans 5:1-2

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

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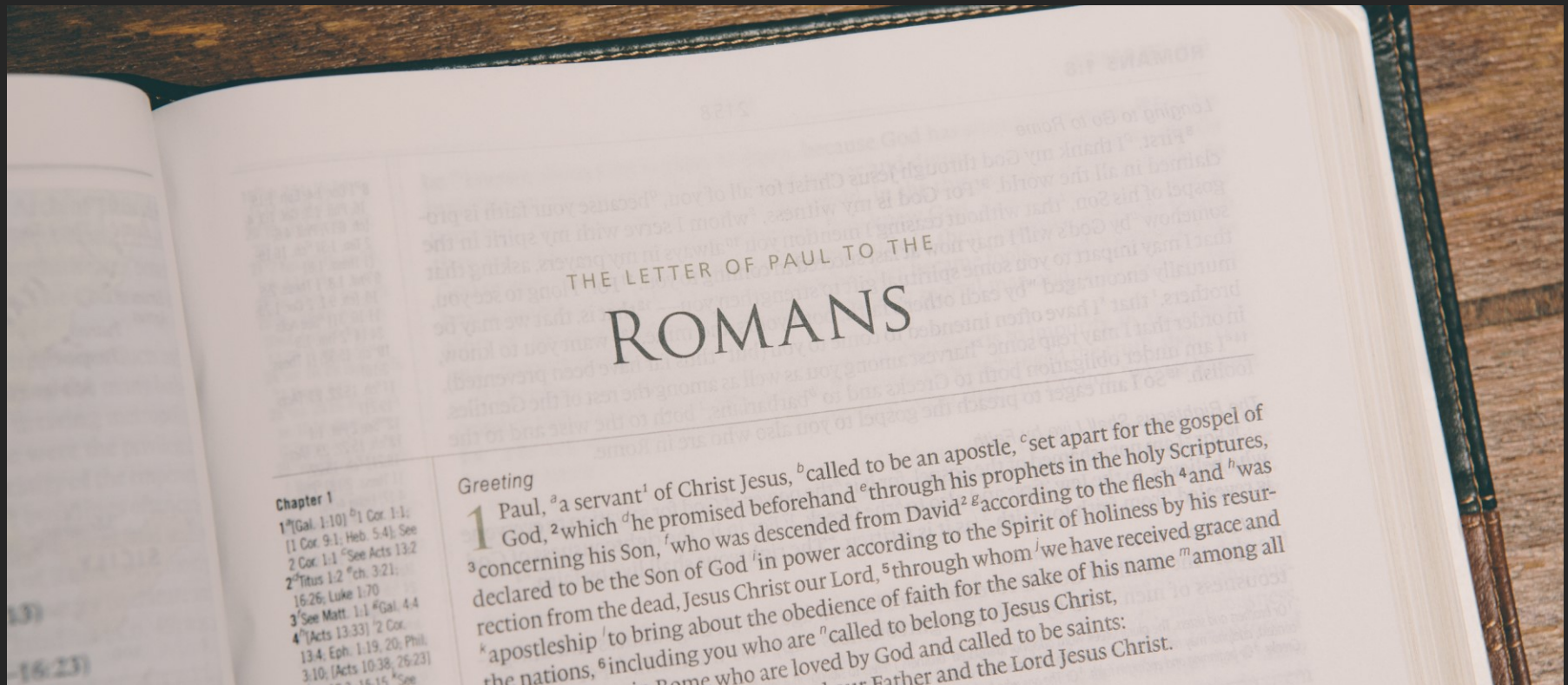
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Grace “Abounds”



➤ We too often believe in scarcity.

1 Timothy 1:14

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

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¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

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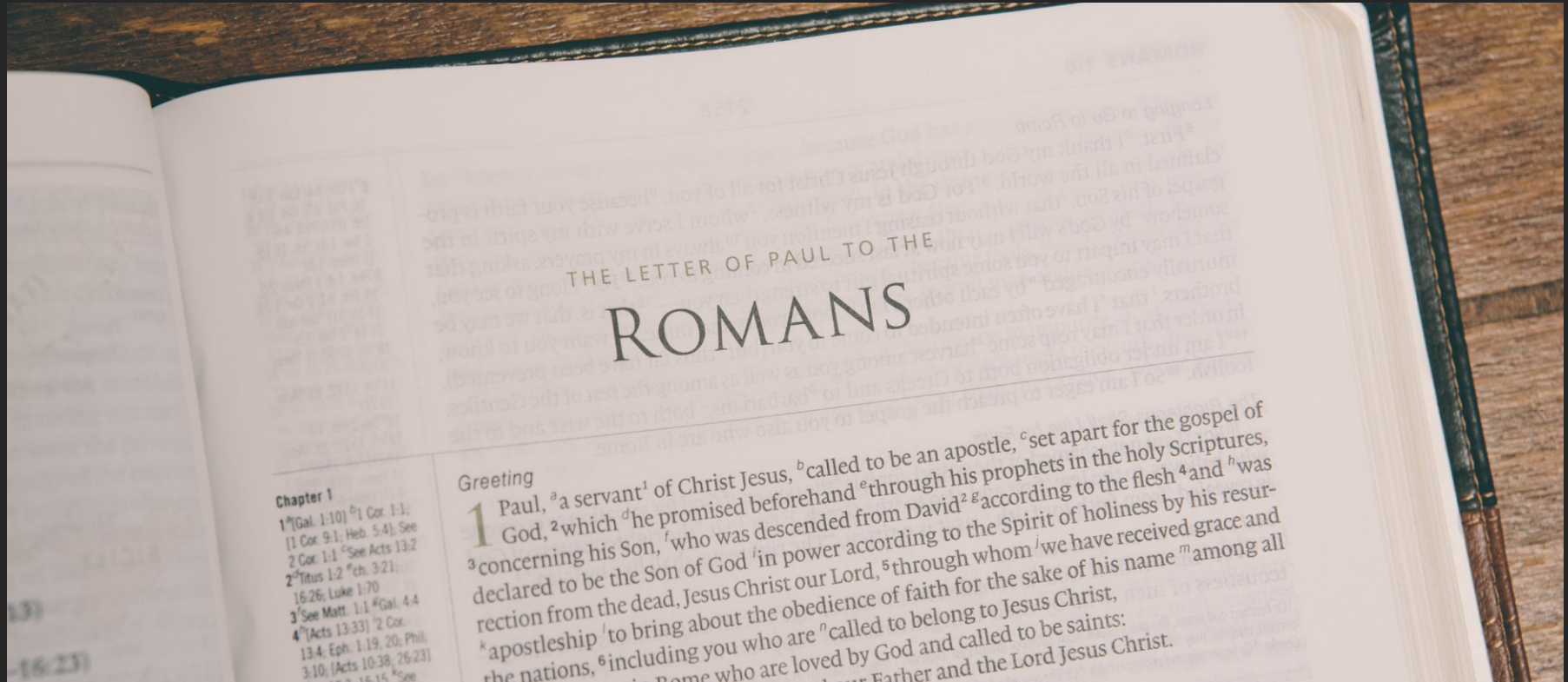
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➤ It reigns over sin;
it gives us life.

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1 Corinthians 15:9-10

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

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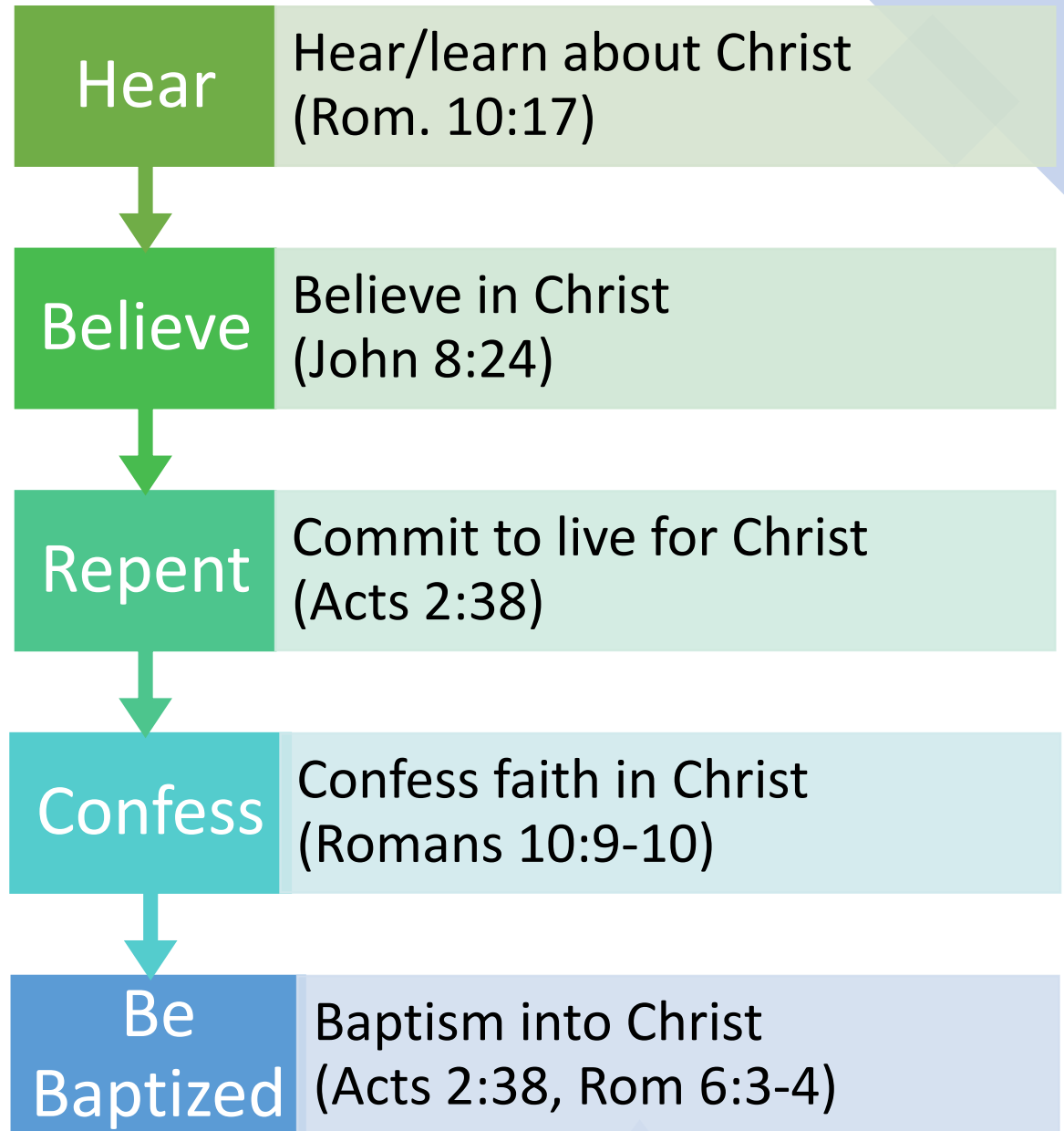
Let's allow grace to give us
assurance,



and let it keep transforming
how we live.



What Must I Do To Be Saved?



James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.