### Welcome to the Family



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### 40 Days of Prayer

October 16-November 24



- 1) Pray daily!
- 2) Nov. 11-12 Prayer Vigil
- 3) Nov. 13 Praying for Memphis Sunday

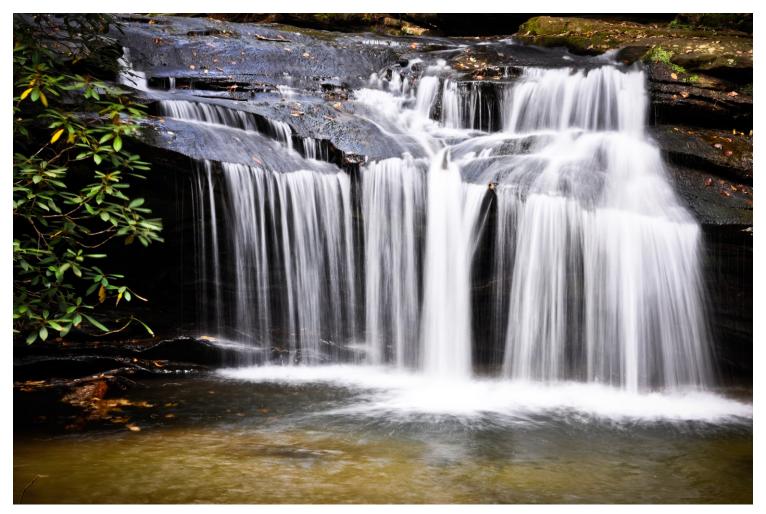
# Our Theme for 2022: "Blessed and Blessing"





Romans Chapters 5-8

# The blessing we celebrate today comes from Romans chapter 6: Freedom



- <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would <u>no longer be slaves to sin</u>;
- <sup>7</sup> for he who has died is <u>freed from sin</u>.

### Romans 6:18

<sup>18</sup> and having been <u>freed</u> from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

### Romans 6:22

<sup>22</sup> But now having been <u>freed</u> from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

### Introducing Romans 6



The question Paul answers: does grace mean we can keep living in sin?

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- <sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?
- <sup>2</sup> May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

#### Romans 6:15

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

### Introducing Romans 6



A key idea: everyone <u>serves</u> something.

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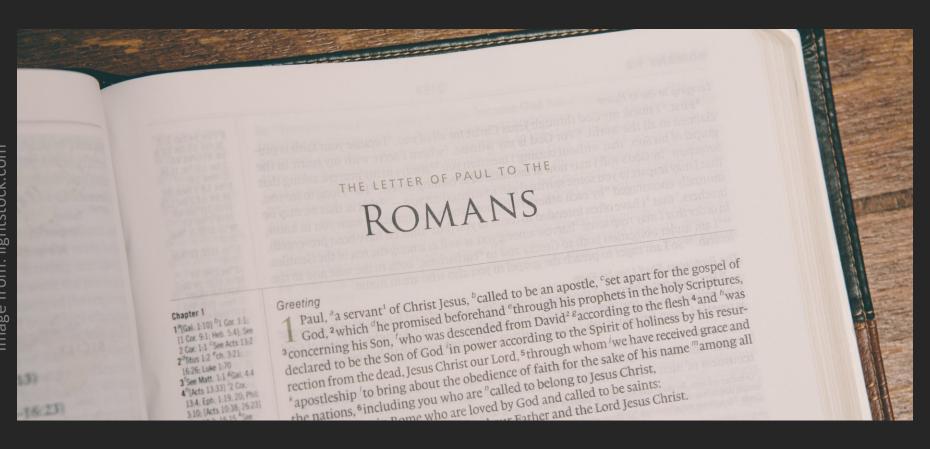
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### Romans 6:19

<sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

### A Representative Section:



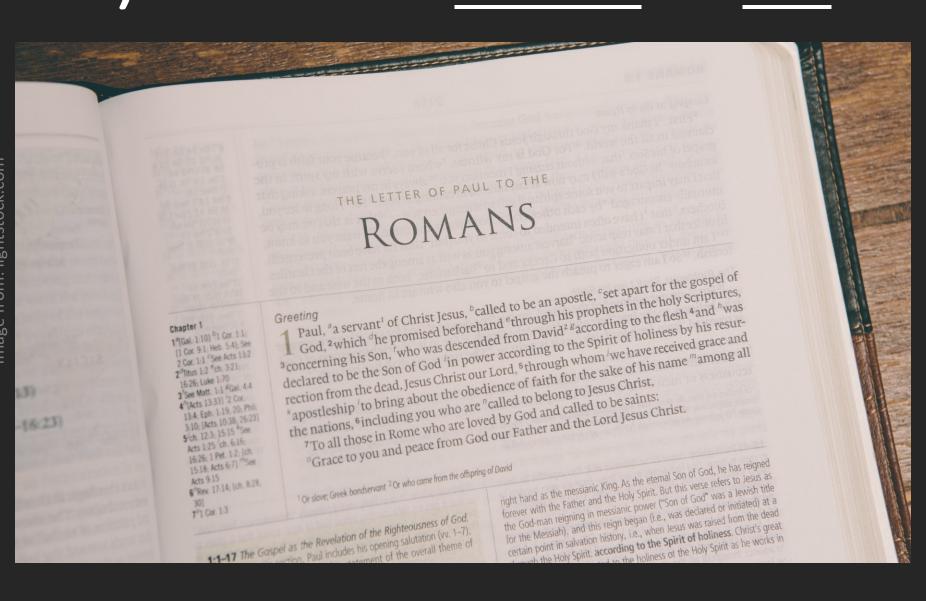
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### Genesis 4:7

- <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?
- <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will not *your* countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

### 2 Peter 2:19

<sup>19</sup> promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

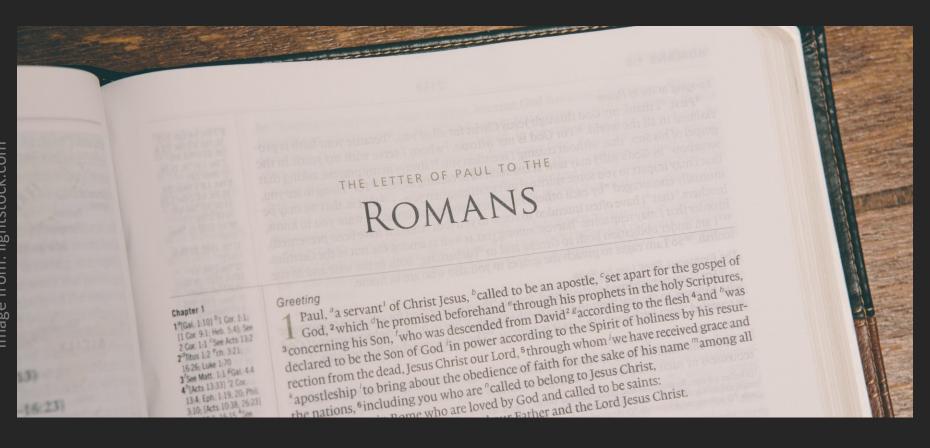
### John 8:34

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, <sup>13</sup> and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

<sup>14</sup> For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

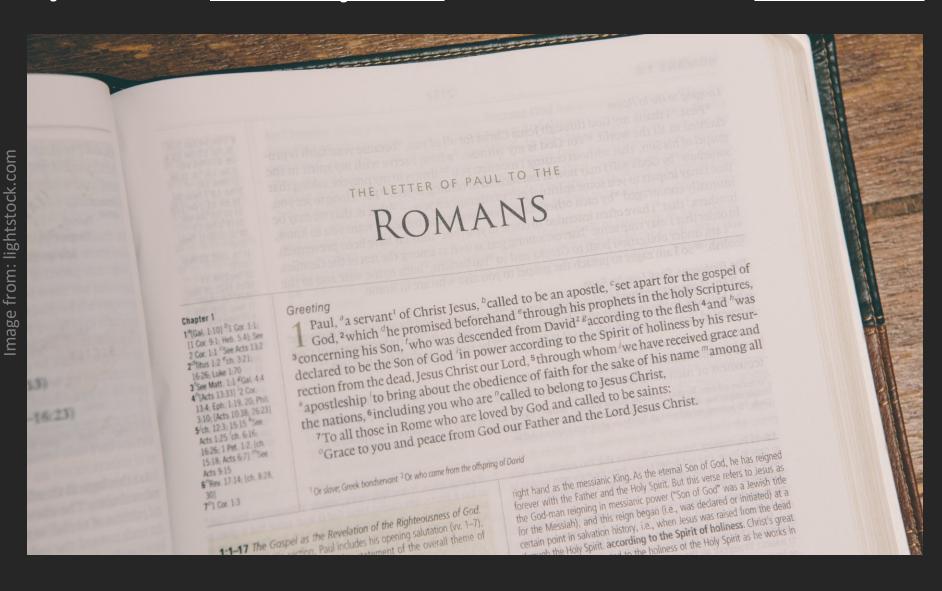
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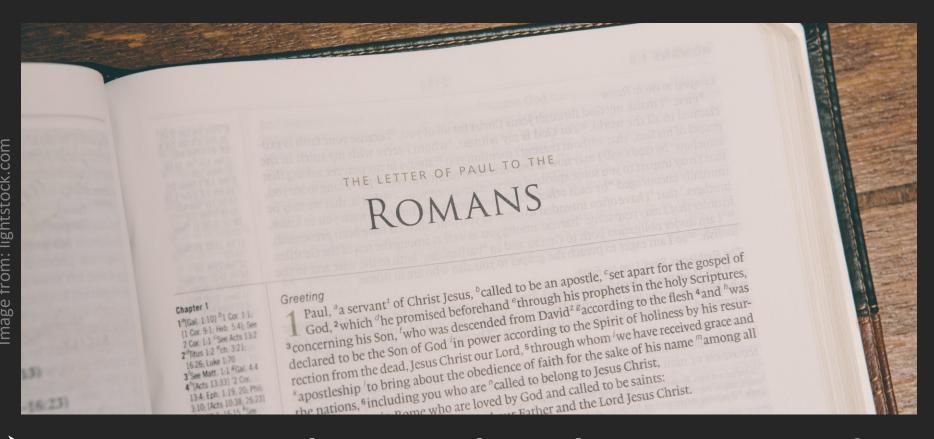
#### Romans 1:5

<sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* <u>obedience of faith</u> among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

### Romans 16:26

26 ...according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to <u>obedience of faith</u>;

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<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

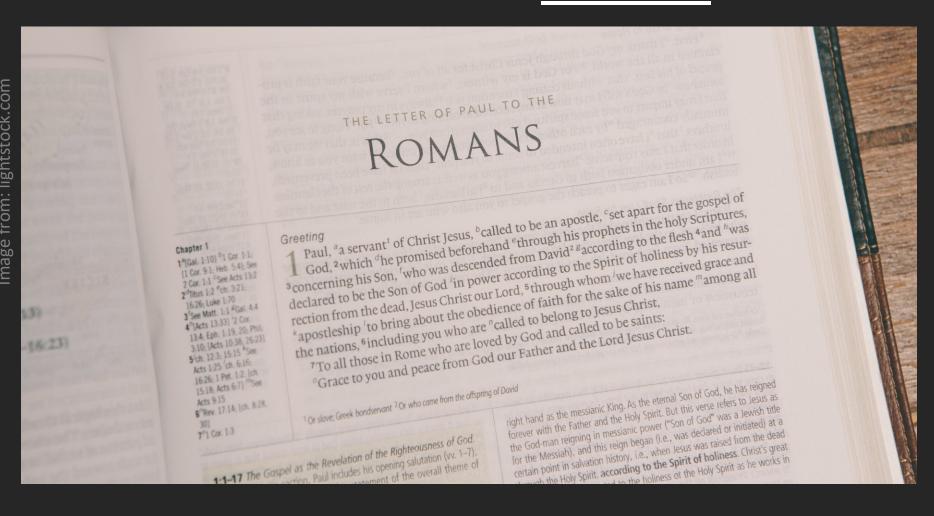
<sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

### Romans 6:11

<sup>11</sup> Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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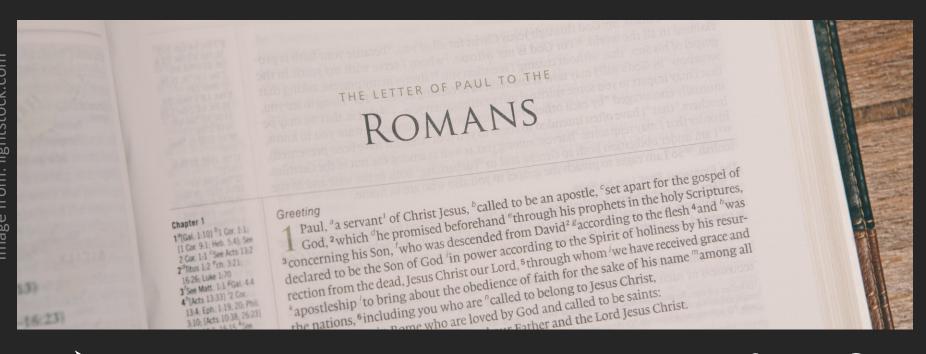
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### Matthew 11:28-30

- <sup>28</sup> "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.
- <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.
- <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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> We are now on a path of blessing.

#### Romans 6:22-23

- <sup>22</sup> But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.
- <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

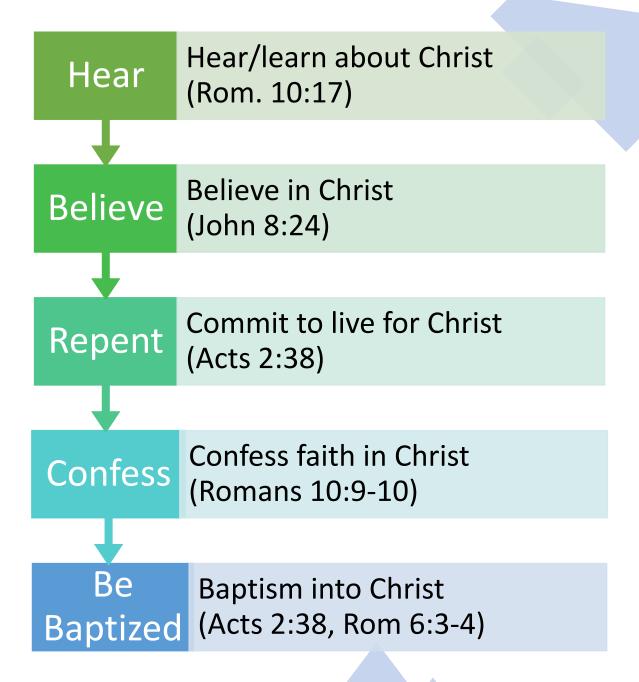
## By God's grace, we have made a great transition -



### let's <u>live</u> like it!



### What Must I Do To Be Saved?



### James 5:16

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