

Welcome to the Family



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40 Days of Prayer

October 16-November 24

- Sign-ups for 24 Hours of Prayer will begin this week
- Collecting for 4 ways we hope to bless others

Our Theme for 2022: “Blessed and Blessing”





The Blessings We Share

Romans Chapters 5-8

The blessing we celebrate today comes from Romans chapters 7 and 8: Strength



Romans 8:3

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**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

Romans 8:7-8

⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*,

⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Our Problem



➤ We are too weak to live right
on our own:



1) Our pride rebels against
God's law.

Romans 7:9-12

⁹ I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;

¹⁰ and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;

Romans 7:9-12

¹¹ for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

¹² So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.



2) We cannot do right even
when we want to.

Romans 7:14-25

¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good.

Romans 7:14-25

²¹ I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

Romans 7:14-25

²² For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

²³ but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:14-25

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

What Changed



Romans 8:2-4

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

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Romans 8:2-4

⁴ so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

What Changed



Jesus set us free from sin
and from the old law.

Romans 7:4

⁴ Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

Matthew 26:28

²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many for
forgiveness of sins.

Romans 7:6

⁶ But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

Our Strength



1) God's Spirit lives in us.

Romans 8:9-11

⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Romans 8:9-11

¹⁰ If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Romans 8:9-11

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

John 3:5

⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 5:32

³² And we are witnesses of these things; and *so is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

Our Strength



2) God's Spirit helps us live
God's way.

Romans 8:13-14

¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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Ephesians 6:17

¹⁷ And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Ephesians 3:16

¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,



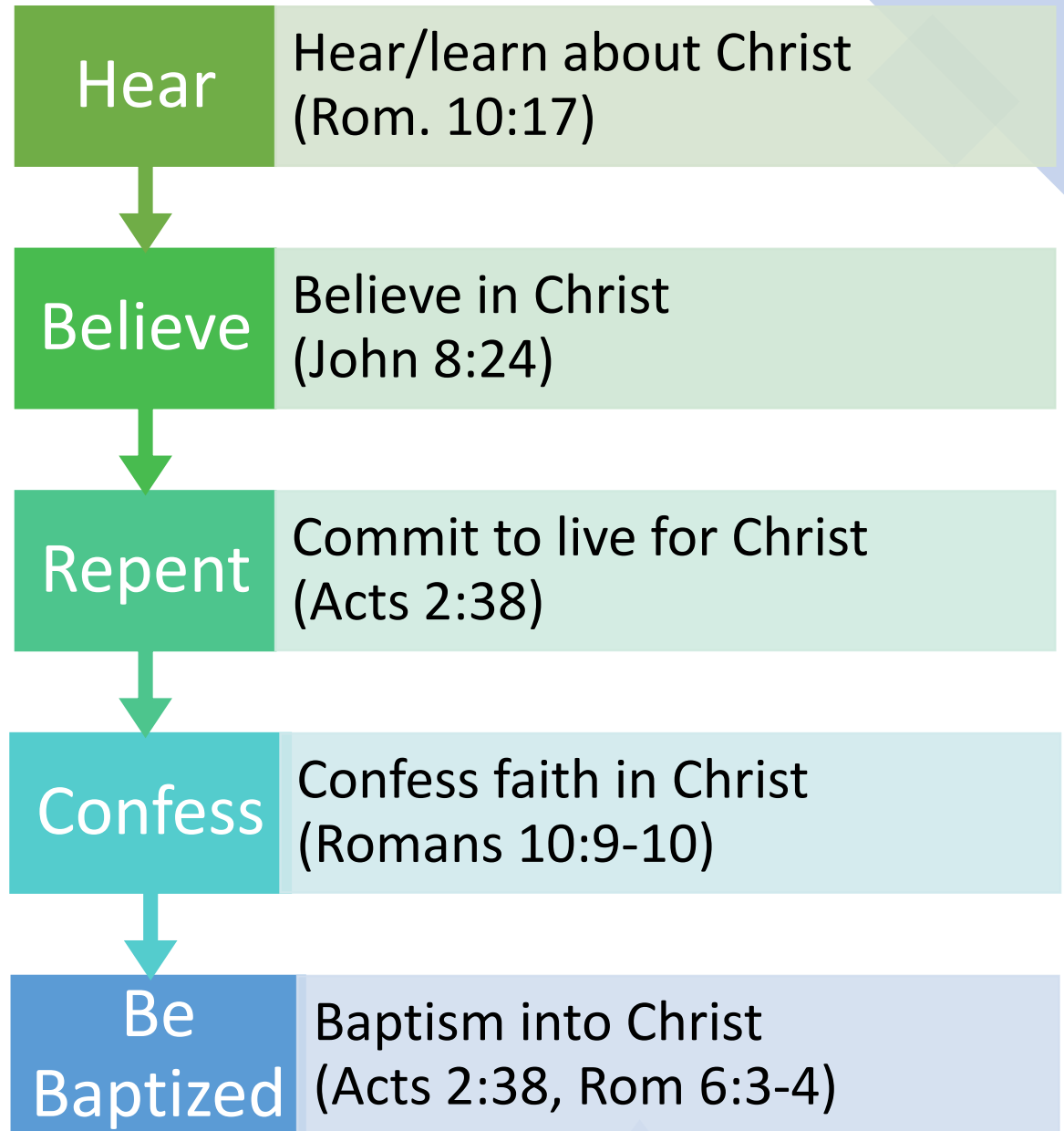
Romans 8:2

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In Christ, we are never too weak –
let's allow God's strength to help us!



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.