

Grace, Mercy, & Peace

**The Greeting That Changed
the World**



1 Timothy 1:2

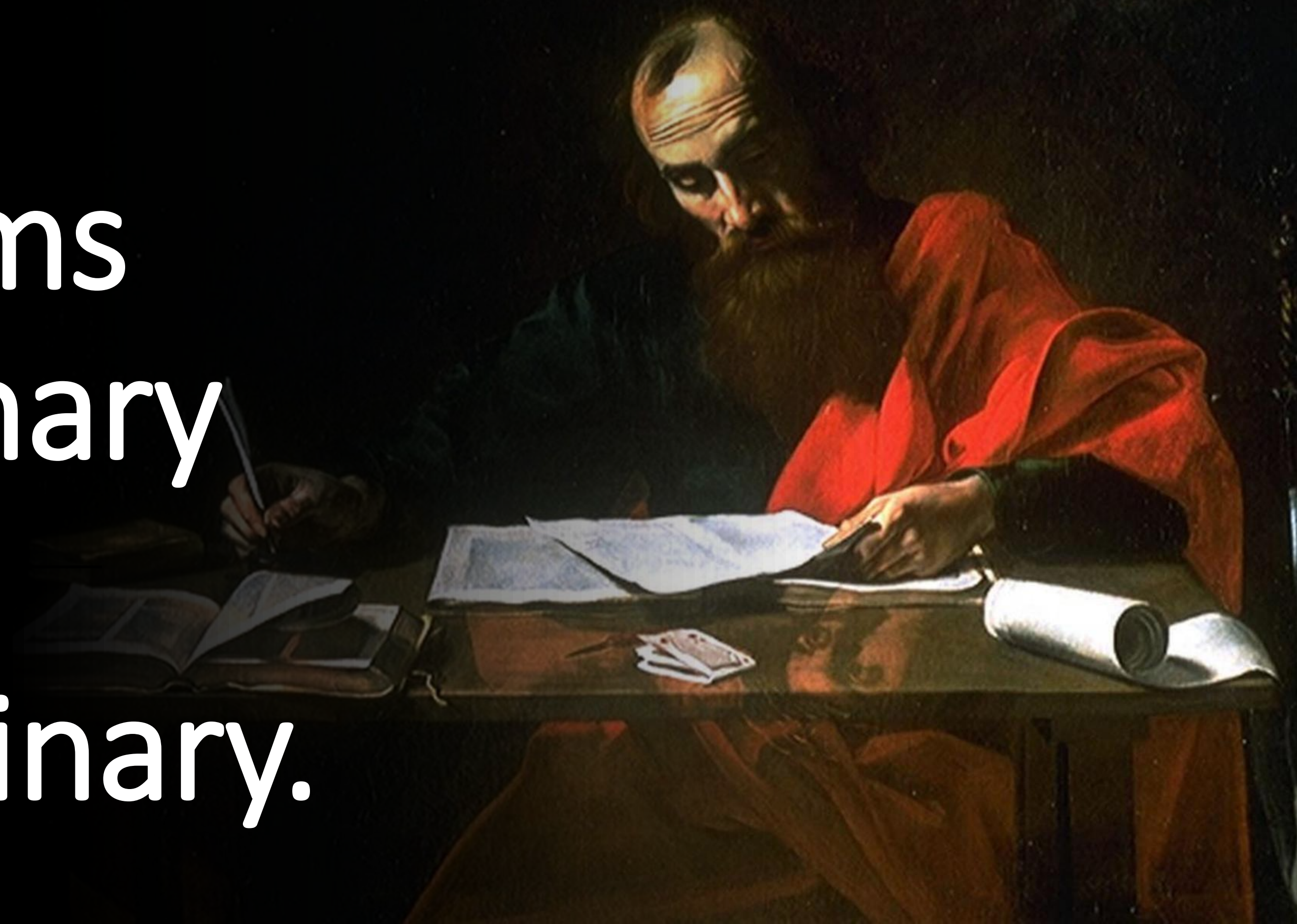
To Timothy, a true
son in the faith:
Grace, mercy, and
peace from God
our Father and
Jesus Christ our
Lord.

A Gospel Greeting

**From [Sender] to
[Recipient], and
greetings.**



—
Paul
transforms
the ordinary
into the
extraordinary.





Grace,
Mercy,
Peace.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand reaching out to touch a delicate pink flower in a field. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green grass and trees under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Grace
describes what
God gives that
we do not
deserve.



Mercy
describes
what God
withholds that
we fully
deserve.



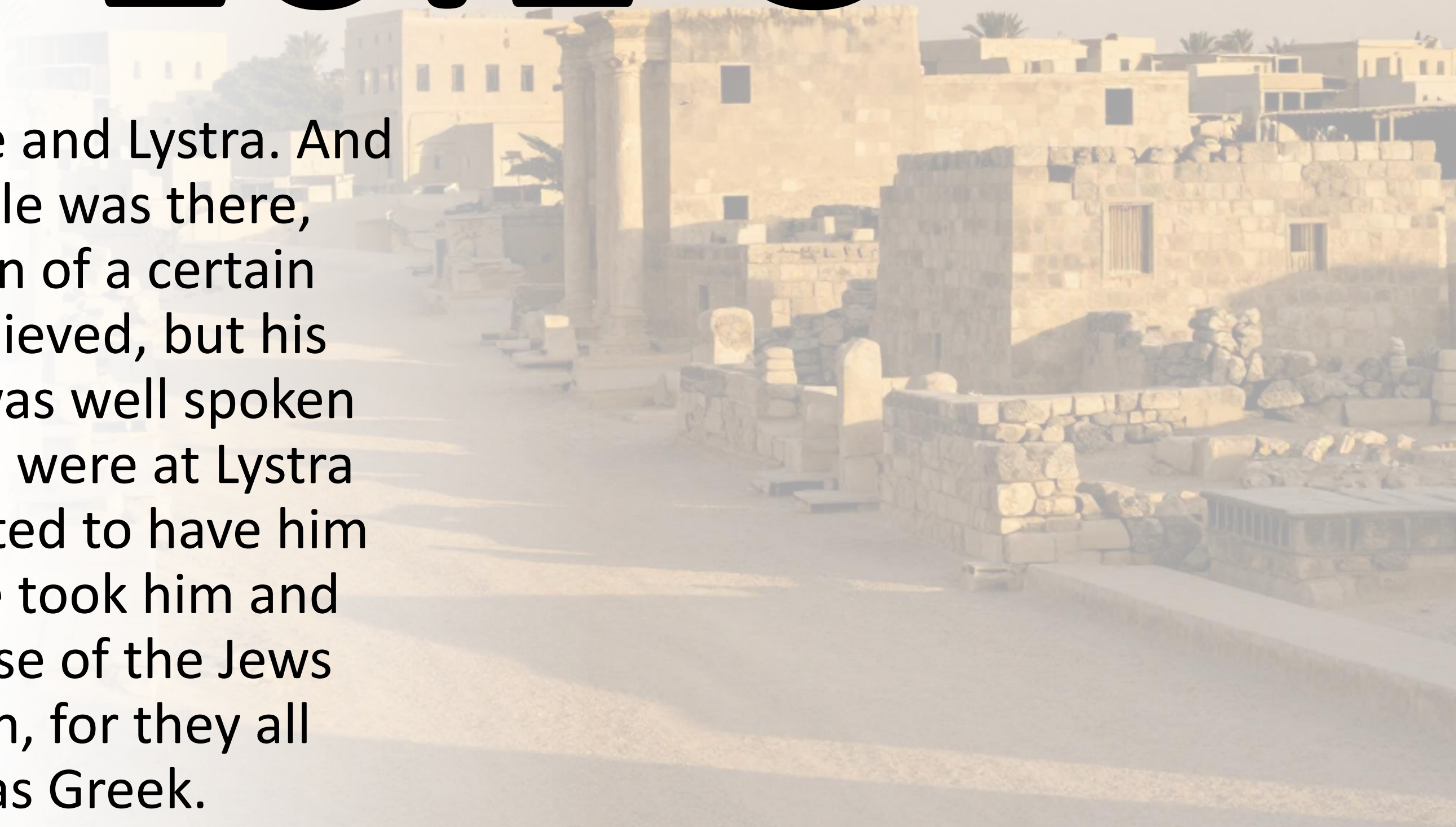
Peace
describes the
result when
grace is received
and mercy is
applied

Timothy — Who Was He?



Acts 16:1-3

Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.



second missionary journey



**Timothy
— Who
Was He?**

**Jewish
mother**



Timothy — Who Was He?

**Greek
father**



2 Timothy 3:15

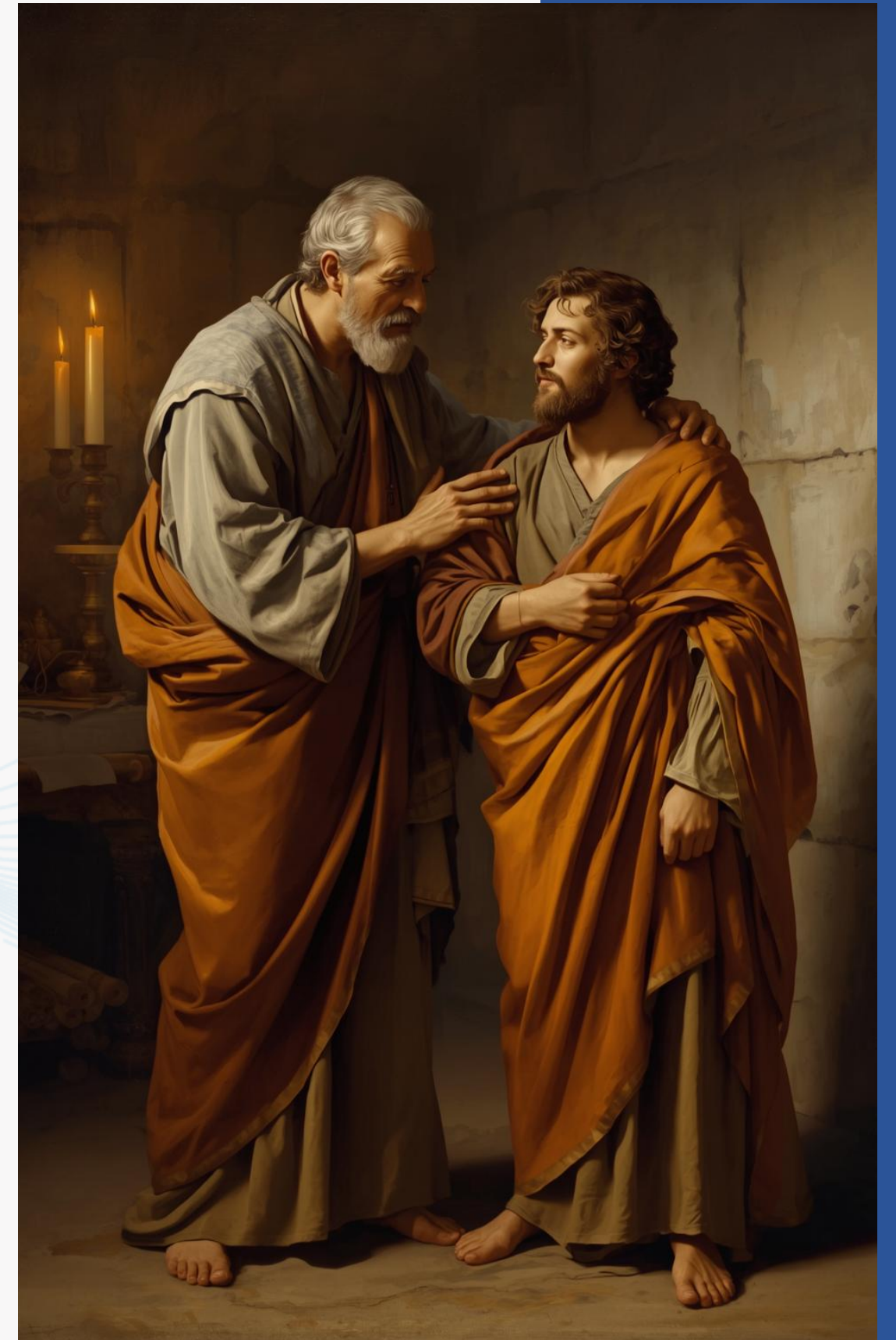
and that from childhood
you have known the Holy
Scriptures, which are able
to make you wise for
salvation through faith
which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:5

When I call to
remembrance the genuine
faith that is in you, which
dwelt first in your
grandmother Lois and
your mother Eunice, and I
am persuaded is in you
also.



Timothy's Character Strengths and Vulnerabilities



1 Corinthians 4:17

For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.



1 Thessalonians 3:2

and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,



Philippians 2:19

But I trust in the Lord
Jesus to send Timothy
to you shortly, that I
also may be
encouraged when I
know your state.



Philippians 2:20-22

For I have no one like-minded,
who will sincerely care for your
state. For all seek their own,
not the things which are of
Christ Jesus. But you know his
proven character, that as a son
with his father he served with
me in the gospel.



1 Timothy 4:12

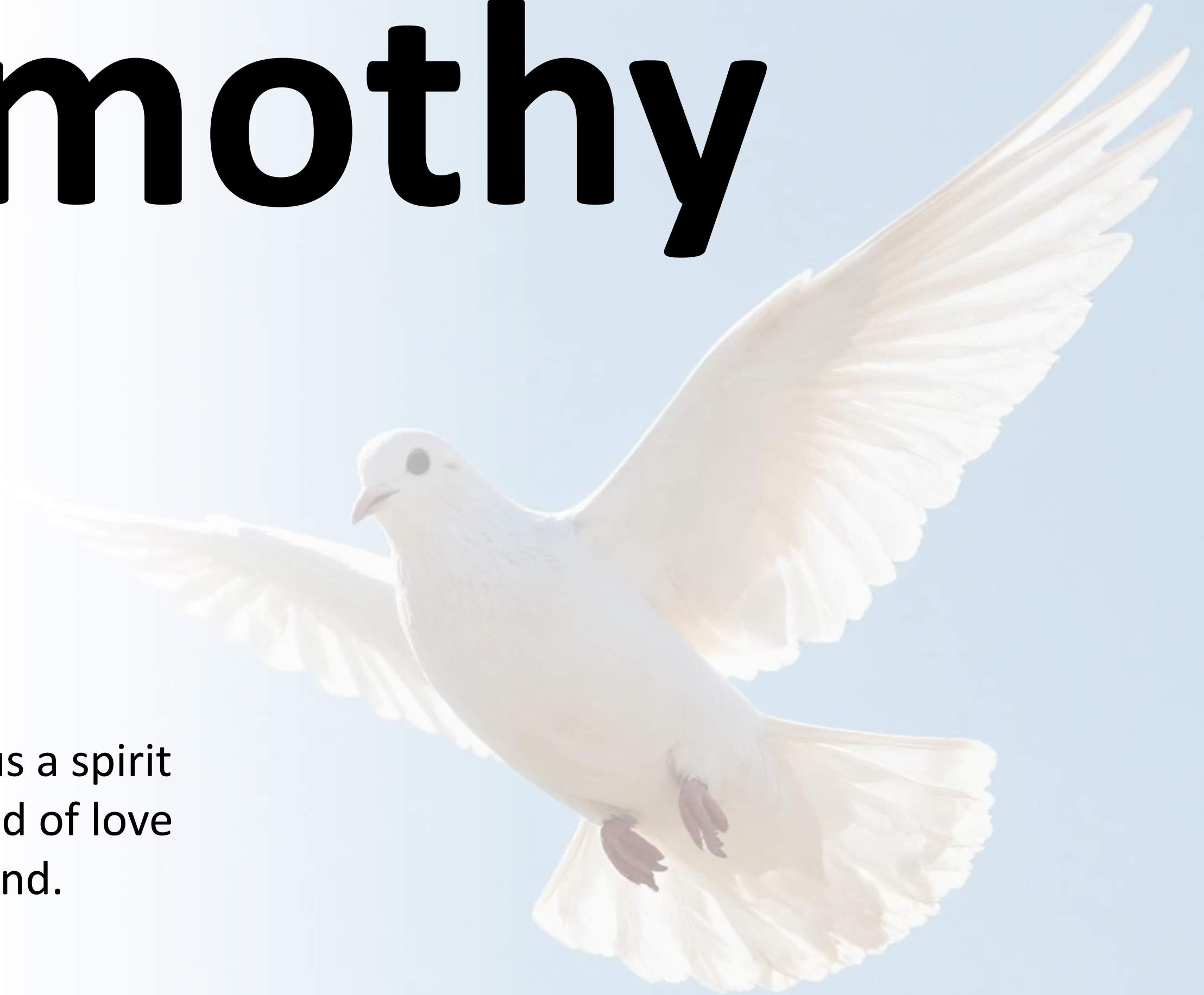
Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.



2 Timothy

1:7

For God has not given us a spirit
of fear, but of power and of love
and of a sound mind.

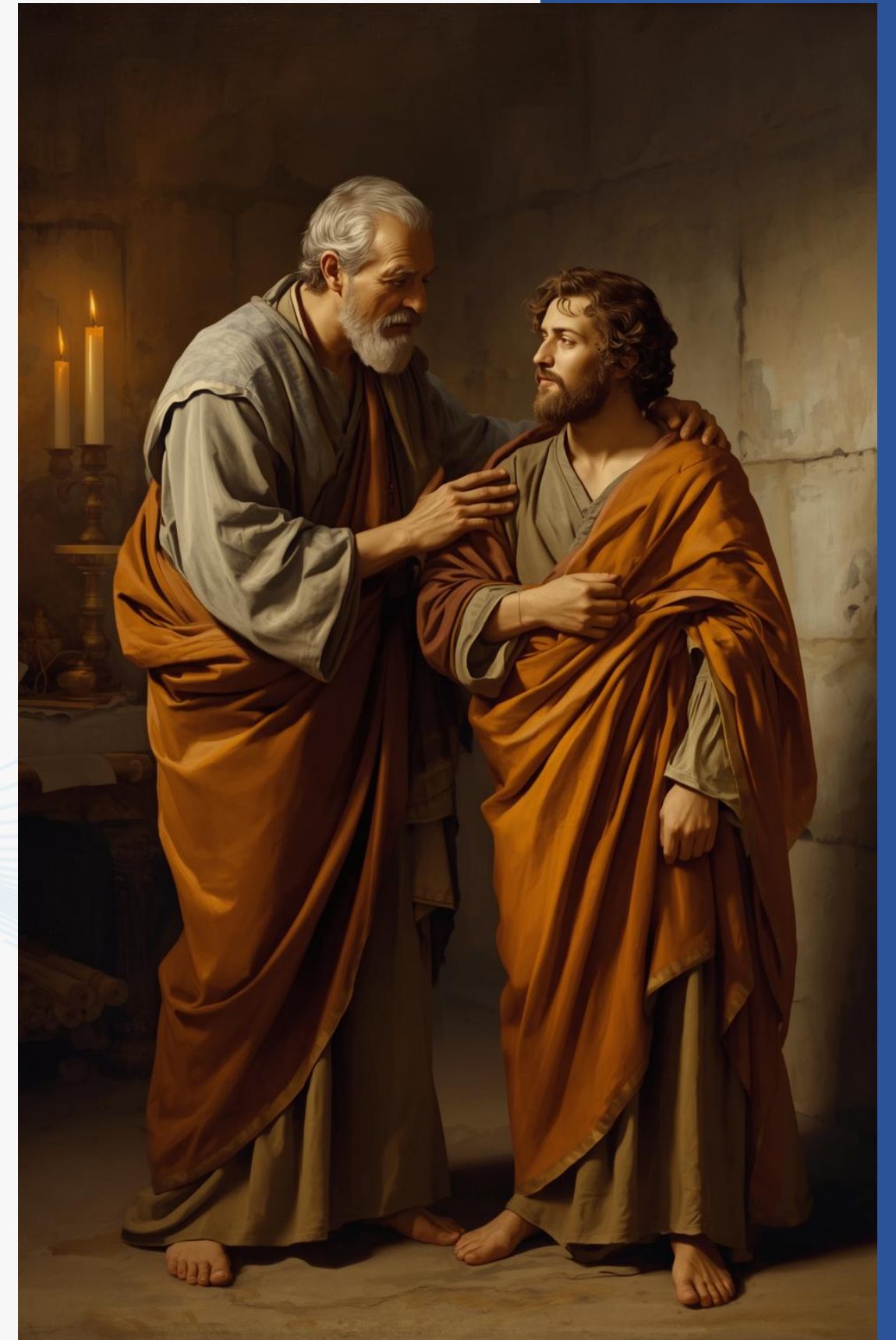


1 Timothy 5:23

No longer drink only
water, but use a little
wine for your
stomach's sake and
your frequent
infirmities.

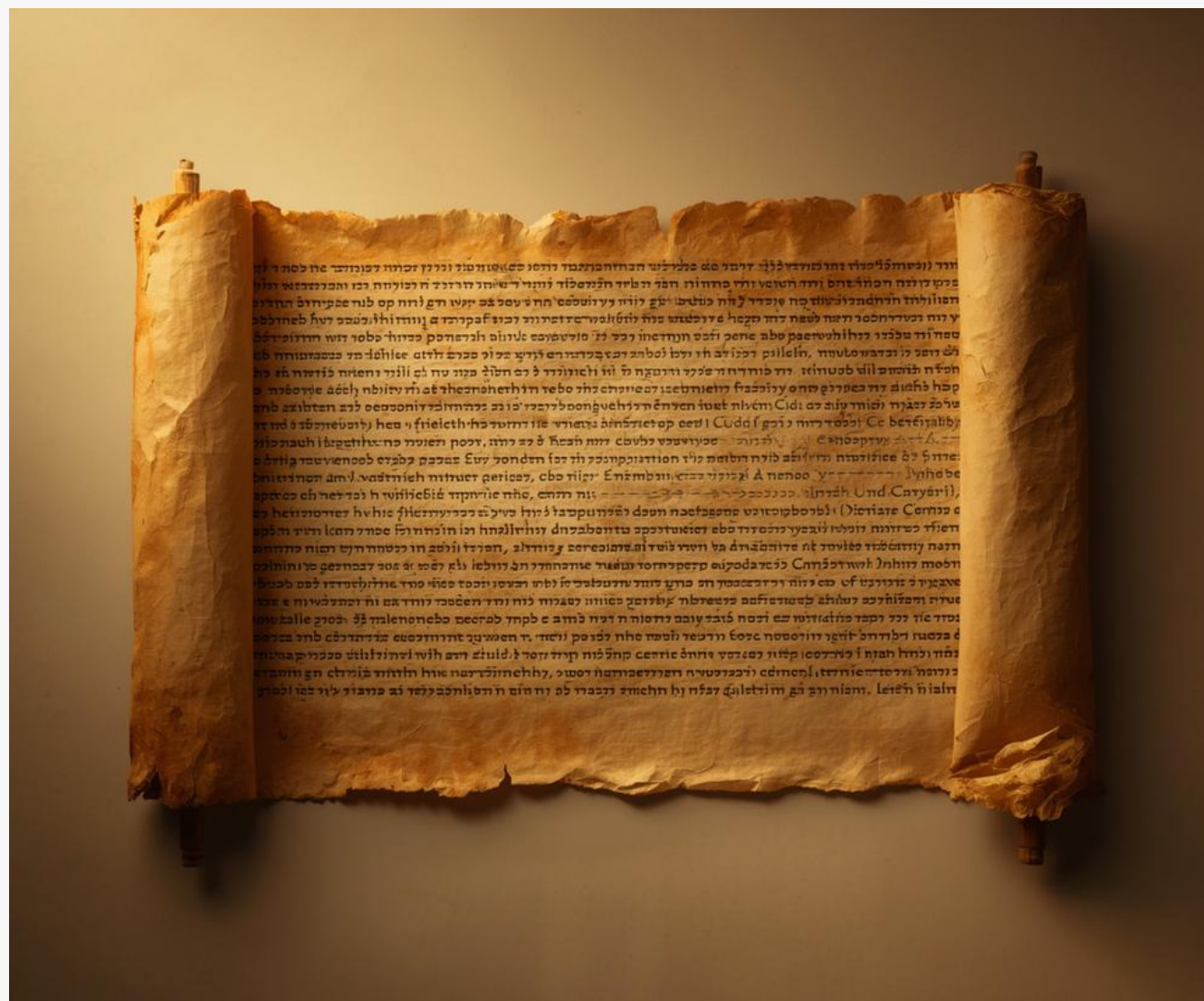


A True Son in the Faith



Gnesios

Legitimate, Genuine, Born of the Right Stock



**Gnesios —
Legitimate,
genuine,
born of the
right stock.**



Words of Grace

"Genuine faith is not the absence of doubt but the presence of a trust that has been tested and has held."



A still from a film showing an older man with a beard and a younger man in a dimly lit room with a candle. The older man is on the left, looking down, and the younger man is on the right, looking up at him. The background is a stone wall with a lit candle in a sconce.

**Paul as
Spiritual
Father — The
Discipleship
Model**

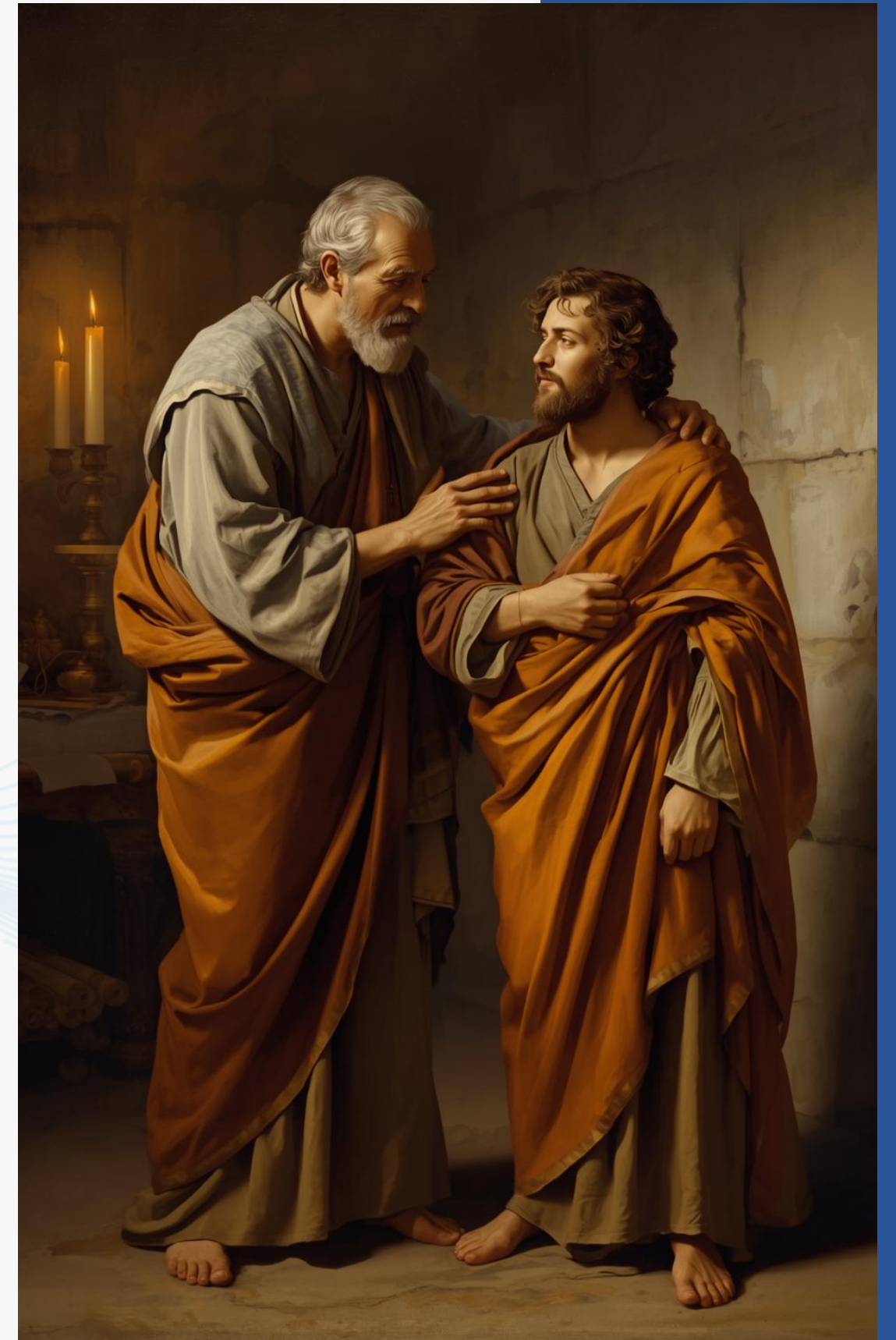
2 Timothy 1:3-4

I thank God, whom I serve with
a pure conscience, as my
forefathers did, as without
ceasing I remember you in my
prayers night and day, greatly
desiring to see you, being
mindful of your tears, that I
may be filled with joy.

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that
you have heard from
me among many
witnesses, commit
these to faithful men
who will be able to
teach others also.

The Crisis of Fatherless Ministry



1 Corinthians 4:15

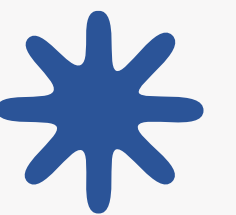
For though you might
have ten thousand
instructors in Christ, yet
you do not have many
fathers; for in Christ
Jesus I have begotten
you through the gospel.





**Grace — The Foundation of
Everything**

**The Transformation of
the Greeting.**



Charis

**Grace — God's
Unmerited
Favor**



**Greetings
, Rejoice**

Chairein





God's

Riches At

Christ's

Expense.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have
been saved through
faith, and that not of
yourselves; it is the gift
of God, not of works,
lest anyone should
boast.



The Five faces of Grace in Paul's Theology



Saving

Grace

**Ephesians 2:8–9,
grace is the source
of salvation free,
sovereign, and
unconditional**



Ephesians 1:4-6

just as He chose us in Him before the
foundation of the world, that we
should be holy and without blame
before Him in love, having
predestined us to adoption as sons
by Jesus Christ to Himself, according
to the good pleasure of His will, to
the praise of the glory of His grace,
by which He made us accepted in
the Beloved.

Sustaining Grace

**Grace that
sustains believers
through trials**



2 Corinthians

12:9

My grace is sufficient for
you, for My strength is
made perfect in weakness.



Transforming Grace

**Grace that
changes character
and life**



1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I
am what I am, and His
grace toward me was not
in vain; but I laboured
more abundantly than
they all, yet not I, but the
grace of God which was
with me.

Gift Grace

**Grace that
equips the
Body of Christ**



Romans 12:6

Having then gifts
differing according to
the grace that is given
to us, let us use them:

if prophecy, let us
prophecy in proportion
to our faith;





Future

Grace

**Grace pointing
toward future
hope and glory**

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore gird up the
loins of your mind, be
sober, and rest your
hope fully upon the
grace that is to be
brought to you at the
revelation of Jesus
Christ.

**Grace as
the
Distinctive
Mark of
the Gospel**

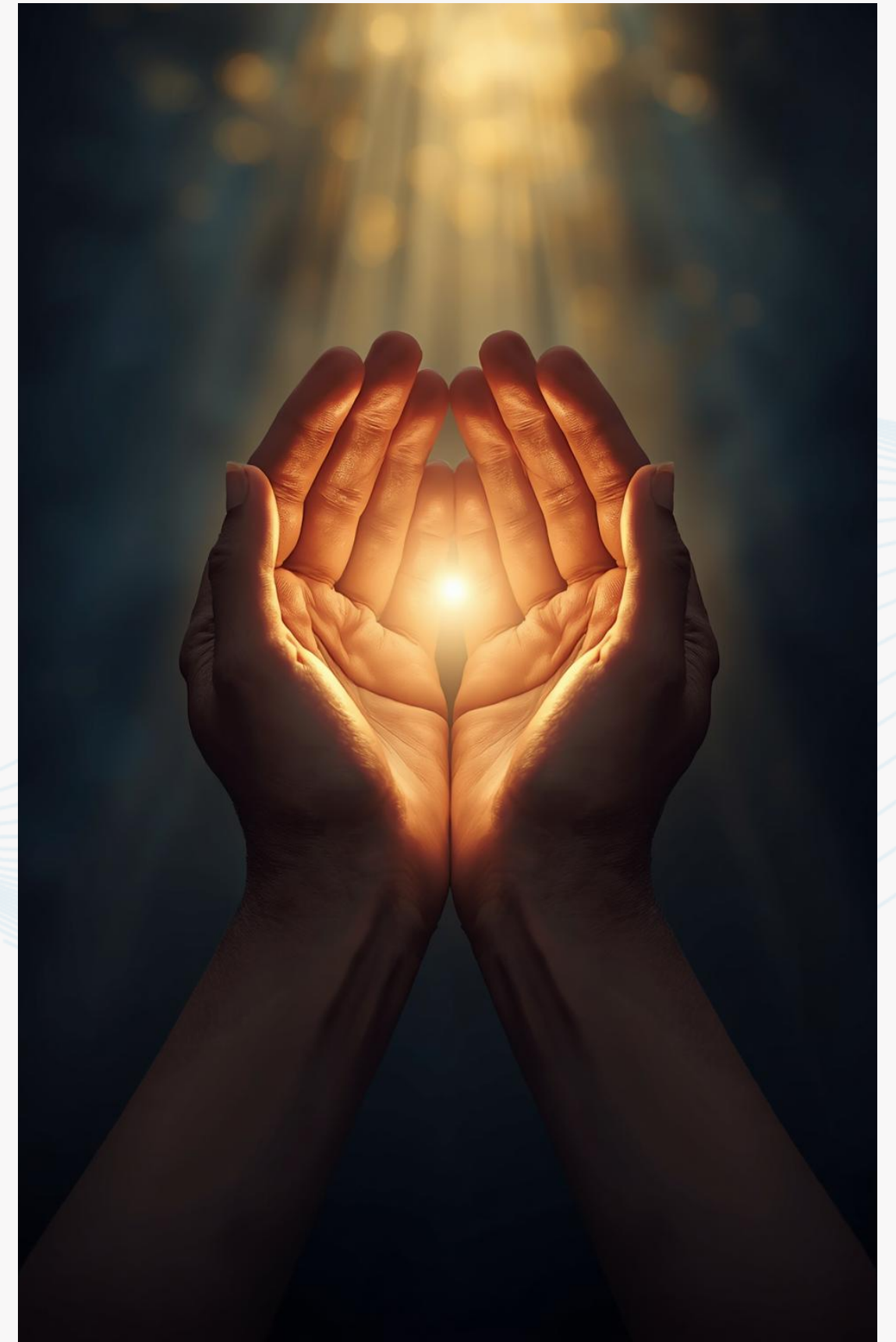
A pair of hands, palms up, holding a rectangular piece of brown cardboard. The word "GRACE" is printed in large, bold, black capital letters on the cardboard. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds.

GRACE

Words of Grace

"The entire Christian life can be summed up in one word: grace. Received freely, lived gratefully, shared generously."

Mercy — The Ongoing Covering



The Distinction Between Grace and Mercy.



Thomas Aquinas
expressed it this way:

- ***Mercy*** is the compassion of God toward misery.
- ***Grace*** is the favour of God toward the undeserving.'



Mercy in the Old Testament



Hesed

***Steadfast Love,
Covenant Loyalty***



LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

Through the Lord's
mercies we are not
consumed, Because
His compassions fail
not. They are new
every morning; Great
is Your faithfulness.

The Significance of 'Mercy' Added to Paul's Greeting.



ROMANS 1:7

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



1 CORINTHIANS

1:3

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.



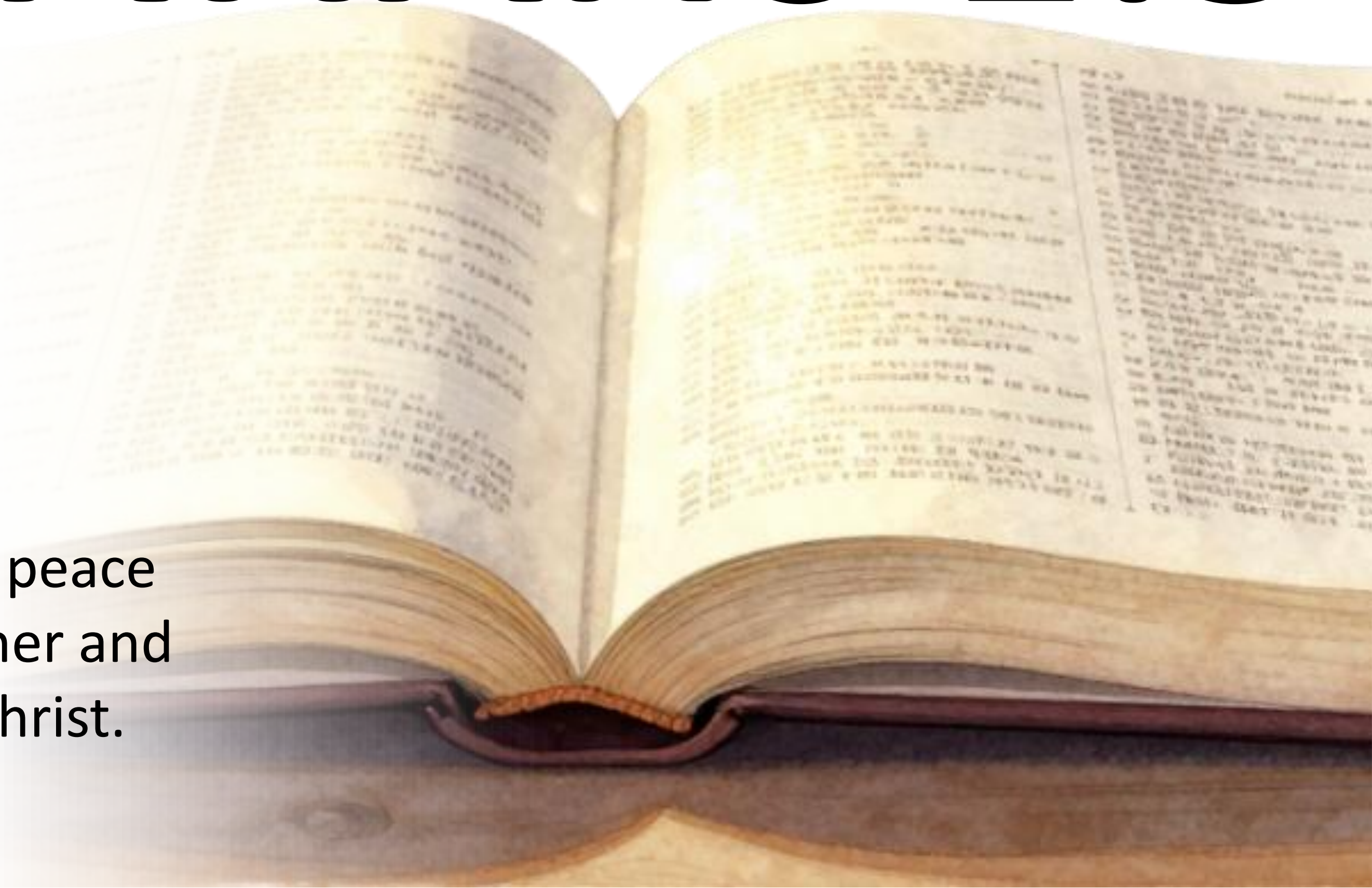
2 CORINTHIANS

1:2

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

GALATIANS 1:3

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.



EPHESIANS 1:2

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.



PHILIPPIANS

1:2

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.





To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:2



2 TIMOTHY

1:2

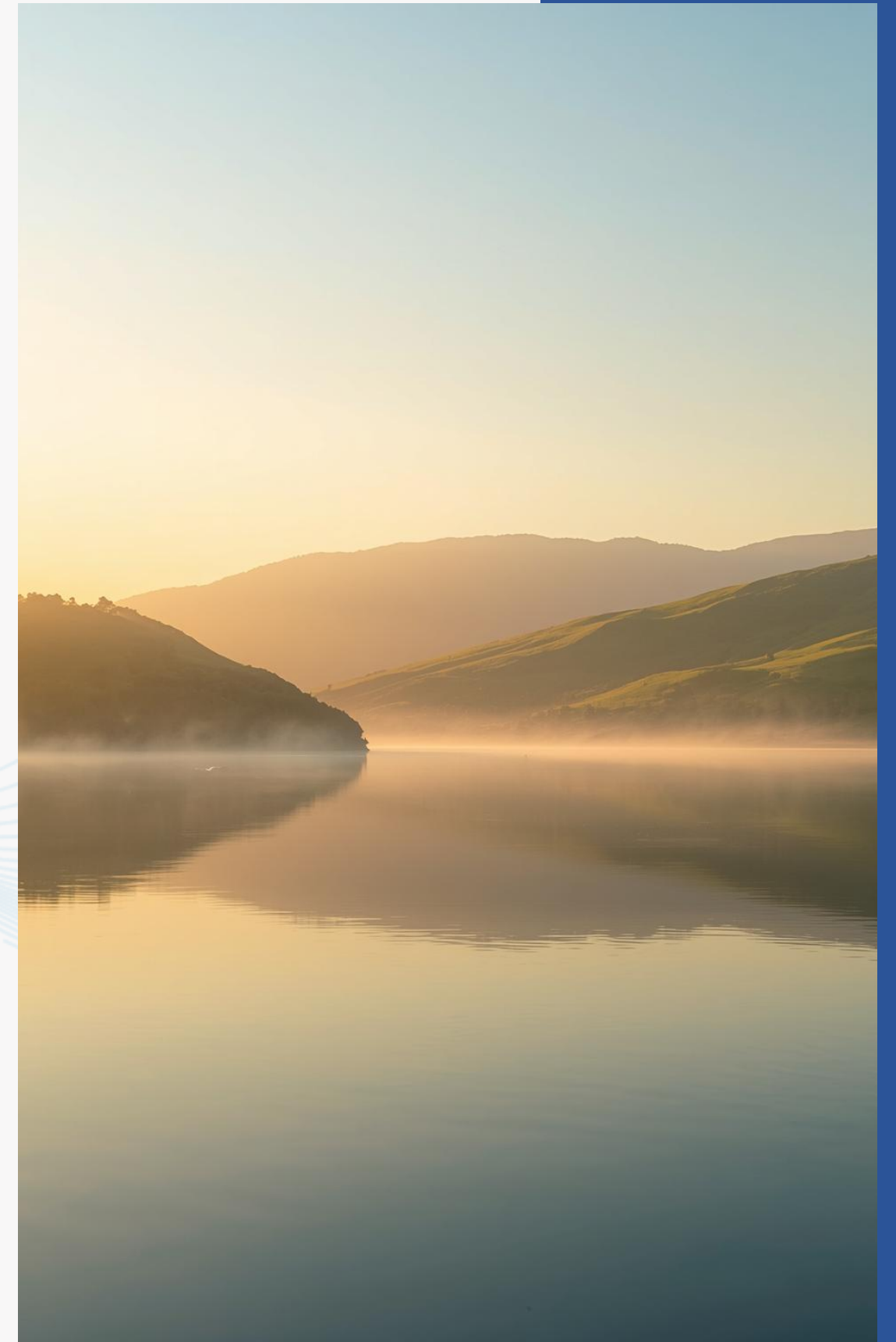
"To Timothy, my beloved son:
Grace, mercy, and peace
from God the Father and
Christ Jesus our Lord."

TITUS 1:4

To Titus, my true son
in our common faith:
Grace and peace
from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our
Savior.



Peace — The Fruit of the Gospel



Eirene

**Peace, Spiritual
Wholeness, Harmony with
God**



Shalom

**Wholeness, Completeness,
Everything in Its Right
Order**





ROMANS 5:1

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

Peace
WITH God
before
Peace
FROM God.



PHILIPPIANS 4:7

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all
understanding, will
guard your hearts and
minds through Christ
Jesus.



PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13

I have learned, in
whatever state I am, to
be content... I can do
all things through
Christ who strengthens
me.



PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—
meditate on these things.



**The Peace
Christ gives
versus the
Peace the
World Gives.**





JOHN 14:27

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

— John 14:27

From God the Father & Jesus Christ

**The Trinitarian
structure and
relational theology
of Paul's greeting.**



Nicene

**Creed's
affirmation**

**THE
NICENE
CREED**



**We believe in one
God, the Father,
the Almighty,
maker of heaven
and earth, of all
that is, seen and
unseen.**



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father
and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy
universal(catholic) and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one
baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

**God Our
Father —
The
Relational
Revolution**

Abba

**Father —
Intimate
Familial Term**



MATTHEW 6:9



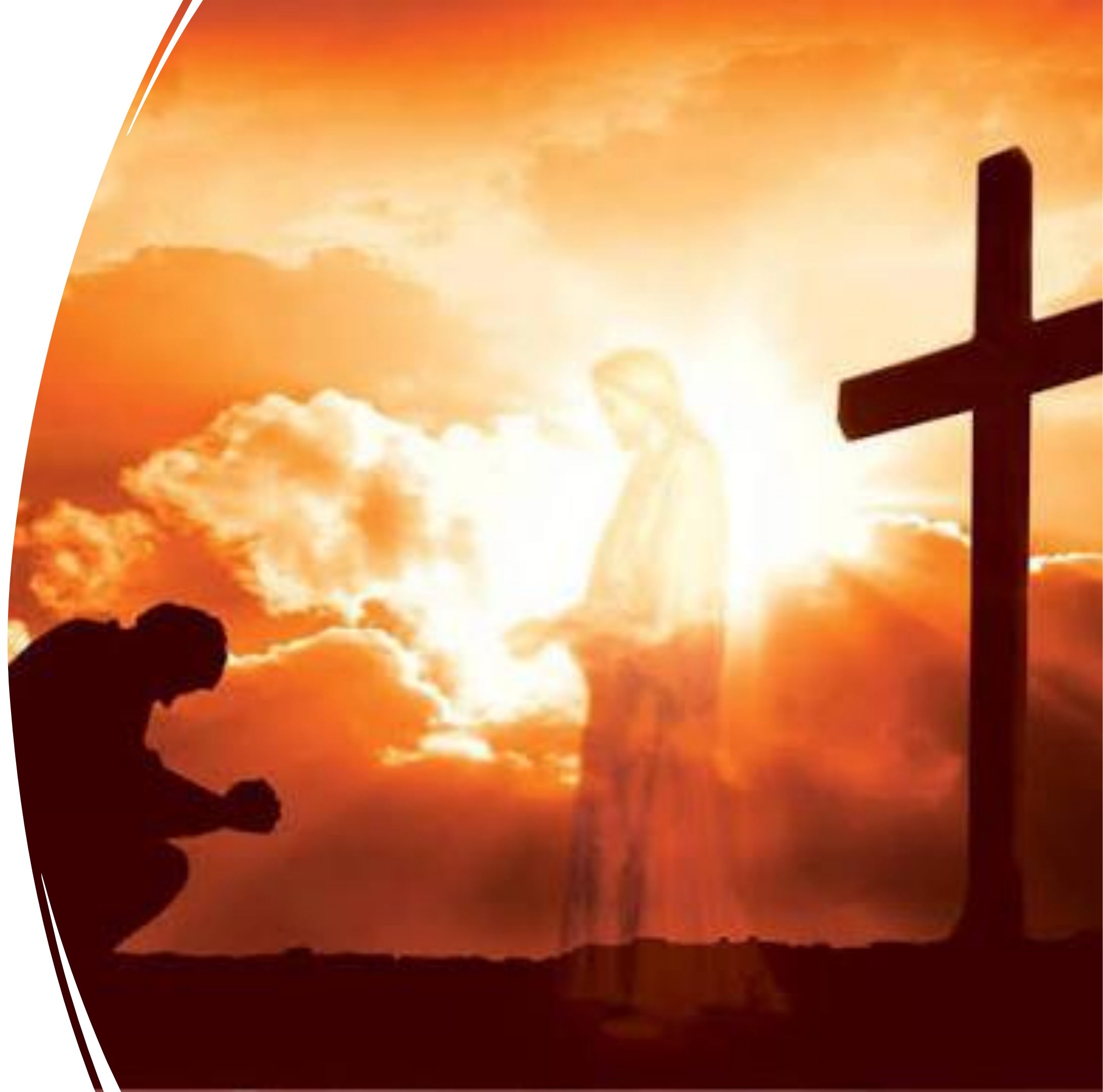
"Our Father in
heaven, Hallowed
be Your name."
— Matthew 6:9



ROMANS 8:15

You did not receive
the spirit of bondage
again to fear, but you
received the Spirit of
adoption by whom
we cry out Abba,
Father.

Jesus
Christ Our
Lord — The
Exclusive
Claim.



Kyrios

Lord





ROMANS 10:9

That if you confess with
your mouth the Lord Jesus
and believe in your heart
that God has raised Him
from the dead, you will be
saved.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3

Therefore I make known
to you that no one
speaking by the Spirit of
God calls Jesus accursed,
and no one can say that
Jesus is Lord except by
the Holy Spirit.



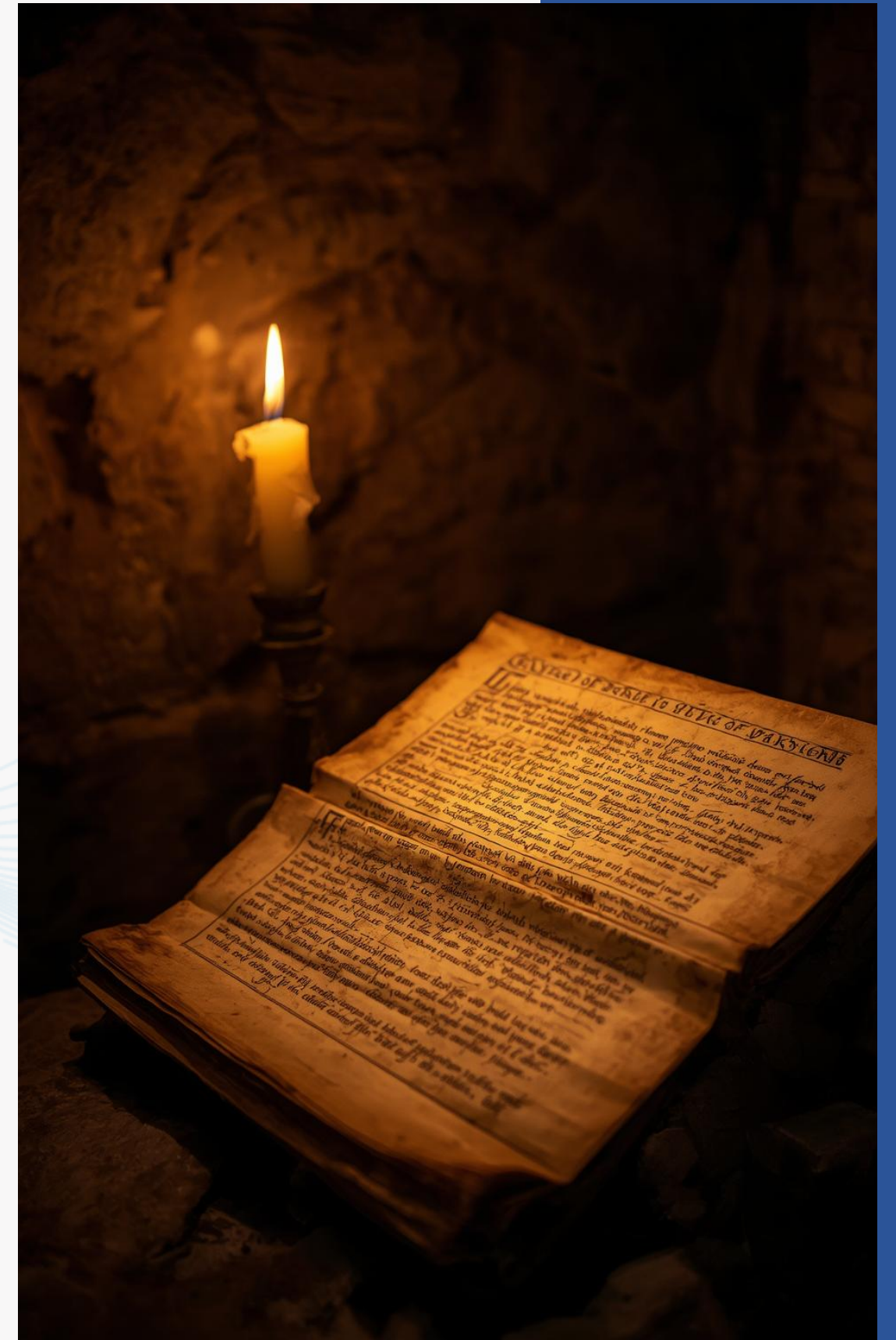


Homooousios

**of the Same
Substance**



The Threefold Blessing in Historical Perspective





NUMBERS 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be
gracious to you; The Lord lift
up His countenance upon
you, And give you peace.

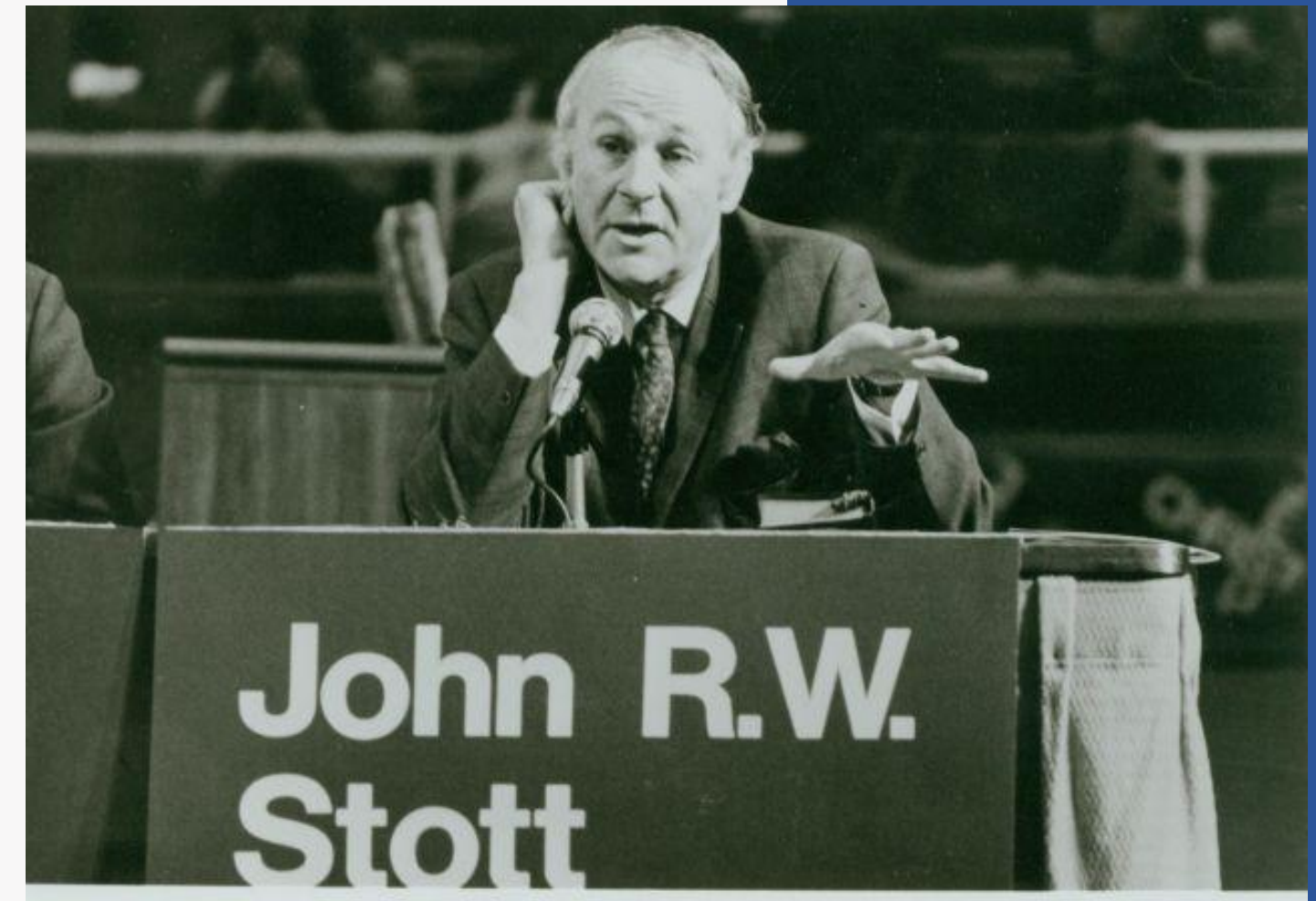
MICAH 7:18

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.



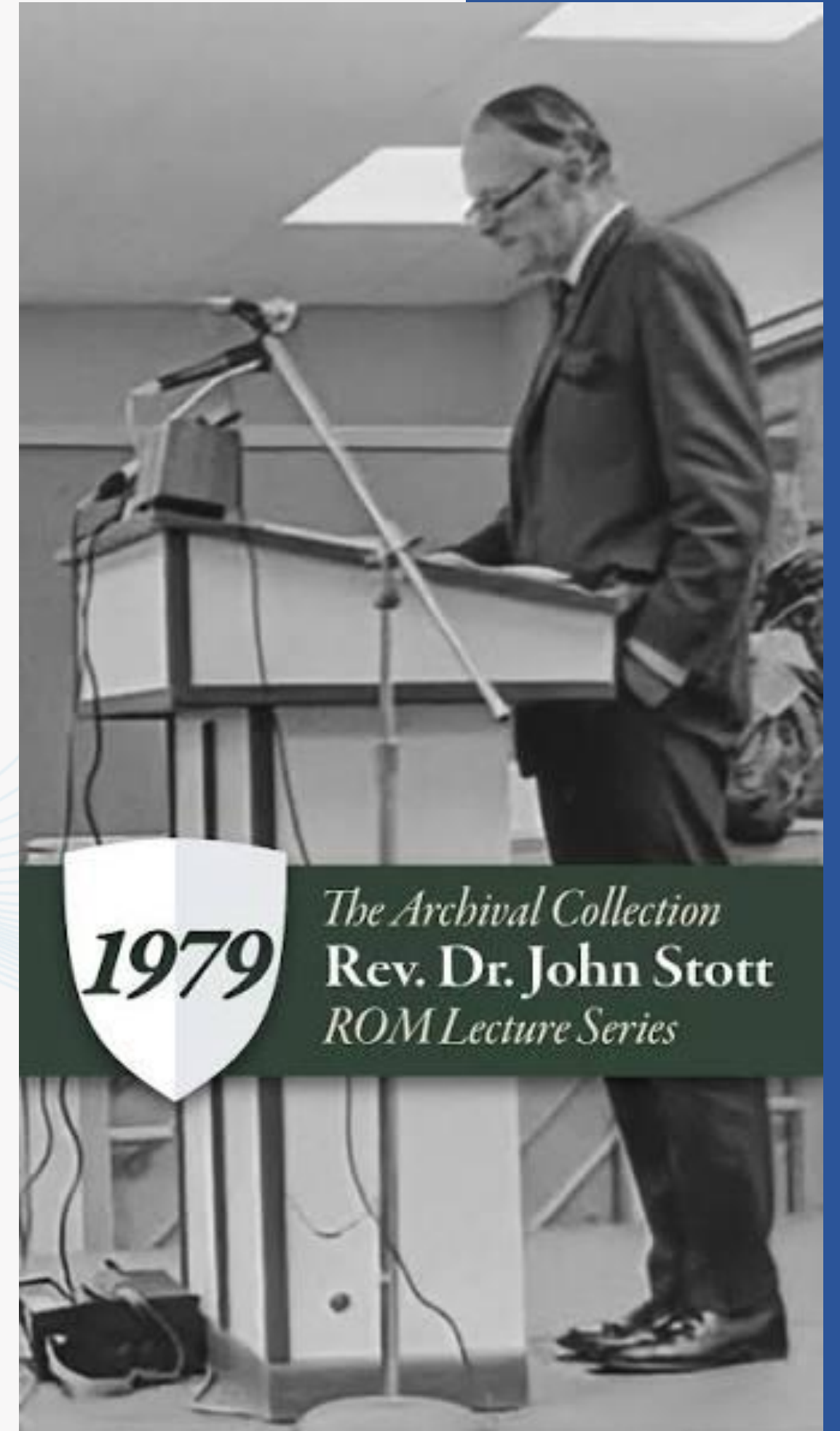
A Story for the Heart

In 1971, John Stott stood before Christian leaders in Uganda the morning after Idi Amin's regime had arrested several pastors.



Peace Under Fire

‘I cannot protect you,’ Stott said, ‘but the God who is your Father sent His Son so that you would have grace, His unearned favour; and mercy,



Grace. Mercy. Peace.

The Threefold Blessing



'God offers **grace** — what you don't
deserve.

God offers **mercy** — withholding
what you do deserve.

The result is **peace** with God. This
is what Jesus made possible.'