

The Doctrines of Grace

Evangelism and Gospel Clarity



MAKE DISCIPLES

Creation

God created everything and created man in His image.
(Gen 1)

Fall

Man sinned, separating himself from God and bringing death into the world.
(Gen 3, Rom 5)

Redemption

Jesus died to pay your sin debt and rose from the dead, our future hope!
(1 Peter 3:18, Rom 6:23)

The Gospel

New Creation

Jesus is making all things new (Romans 8:28-30, Rev. 21)



What is the Gospel?

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(1 Cor. 15)



Doctrines of Grace (Review)

- **Fallenness of Mankind:** People are born dead in sin and do not seek God on their own. A miracle (regeneration) must happen for them to believe.
- **Unmerited Adoption:** God saves us by His grace, not by any merit or “potential” in us.
- **Particular Atonement:** Salvation is available to all, but payment for sin is made for all the believing (contra universalism).
- **Regeneration:** God makes us alive in Christ, and we are new creations in Him.
- **Perservere:** God will finish the work of sanctification in us.



Make Disciples

Evangelism and Discipleship



Concerns About Evangelism

- Won't people get offended?
- Am I allowed to evangelize at work, school, etc.?
- What if I ruin a friendship?
- What if it's just awkward?

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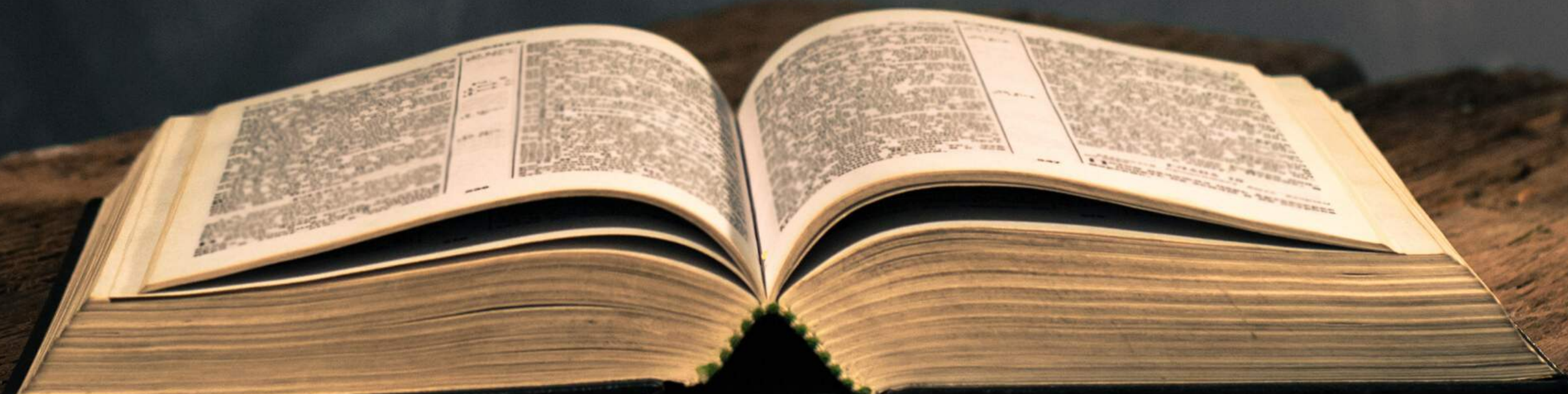
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Evangelism is Predicated on Christ's Authority

- **Matt. 24:14** "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."
- **Daniel 7:14** "And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."
- **Colossians 1:18** "And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent."
- **Colossians 2:10** "and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority."
- Revelation 1:5-6, 17:14, 19:13-16, 21:5-8, John 18:36, Phil. 2:5-11, Isaiah 9:6-7, Ephesians 1:20-21, Acts 2:30-32.

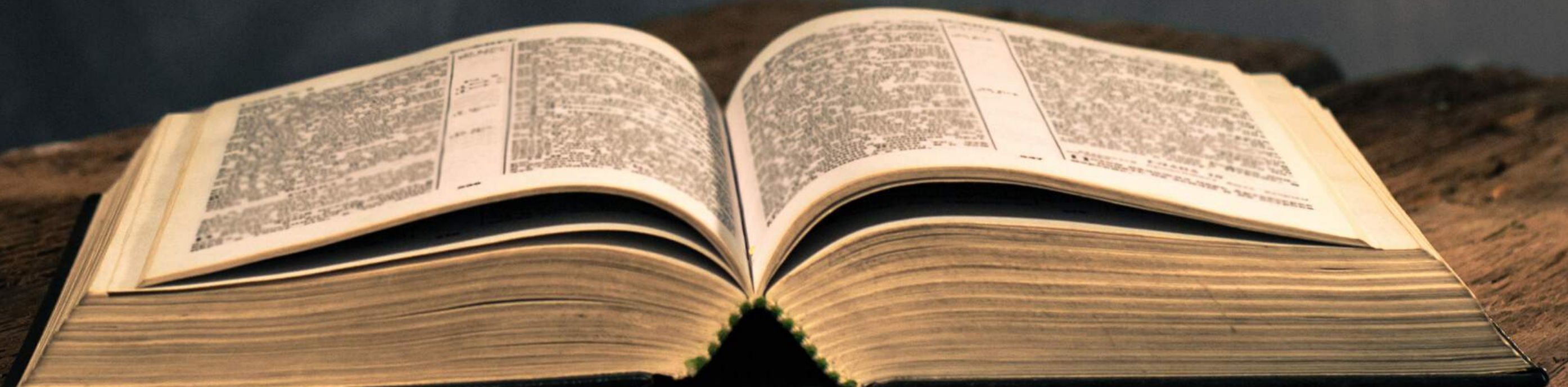
Acts 5:27-29

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.” 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”



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- Thus, we proclaim Christ as Savior AND Lord (Romans 6:23, 10:9-10)
- His authority trumps any that would prohibit proclamation (Matthew 28:18)



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μαθητεύσατε (Disciples)

Pronunciation: mathēteusate

Strong's: 3100

Part of Speech: Verb

1) to be a disciple of one 1a) to follow his precepts and instructions 2) to make a disciple 2a) to teach, instruct



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Making disciples
begins with the
presentation of the
gospel and the call to
repent and believe.

Following Jesus begins with repentance and faith.

- **Repentance**, because discipleship inherently involves turning away from following the course of the world (Ephesians 2:2) and turning to following Christ as Lord, obeying His commands.
- **Faith**, because our trust is in Christ's atoning death and resurrection for our salvation.



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Biblical Evangelism:

1. Proclaim the Gospel Clearly
(Colossians 4:3-6, Acts 2:14-41, 1
Corinthians 15)
2. Call to Repentance and Faith
(Romans 10:9-10, Acts 2:38, 17:16ff)

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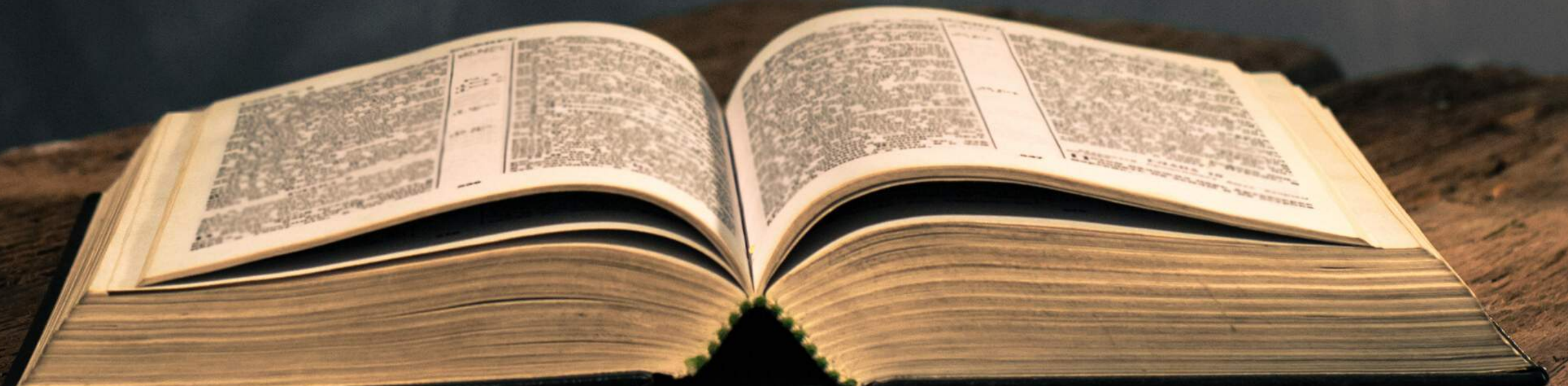




Evangelism is the
natural result of
loving and honoring
Christ as Lord.

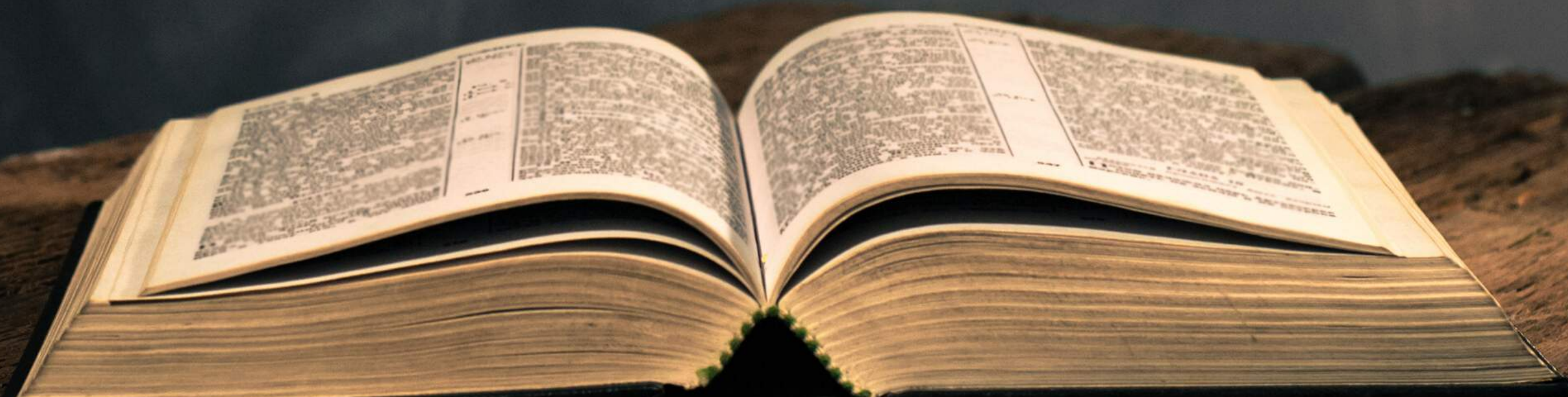
Acts 4:18-20

18 So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."



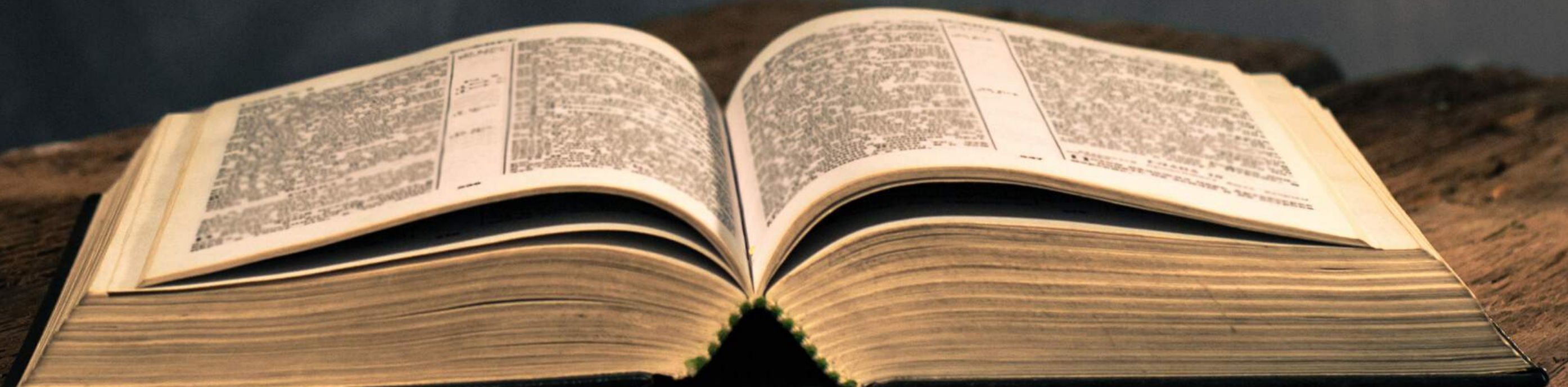
Romans 1:16

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.



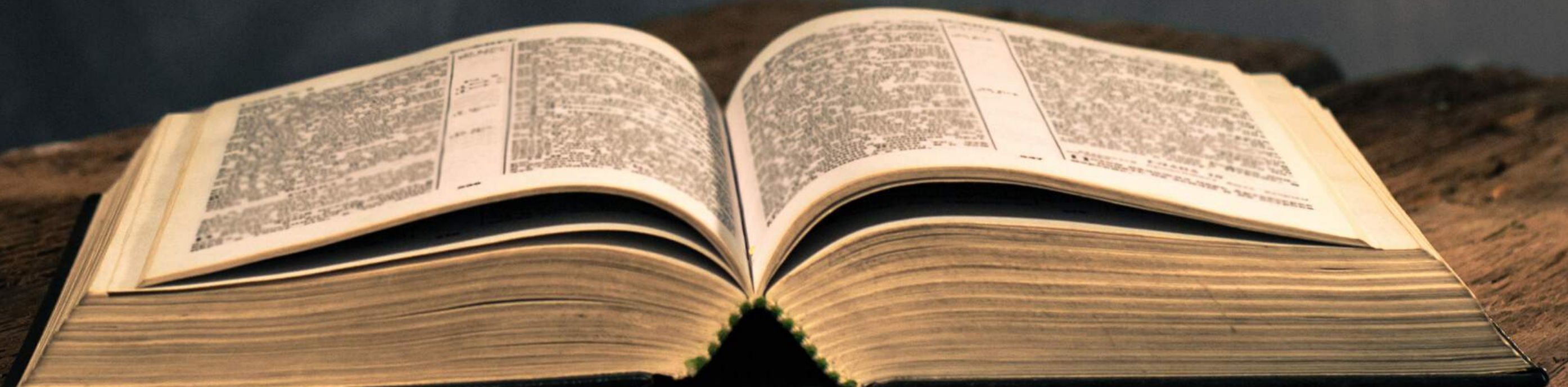
1 Peter 3:15

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,



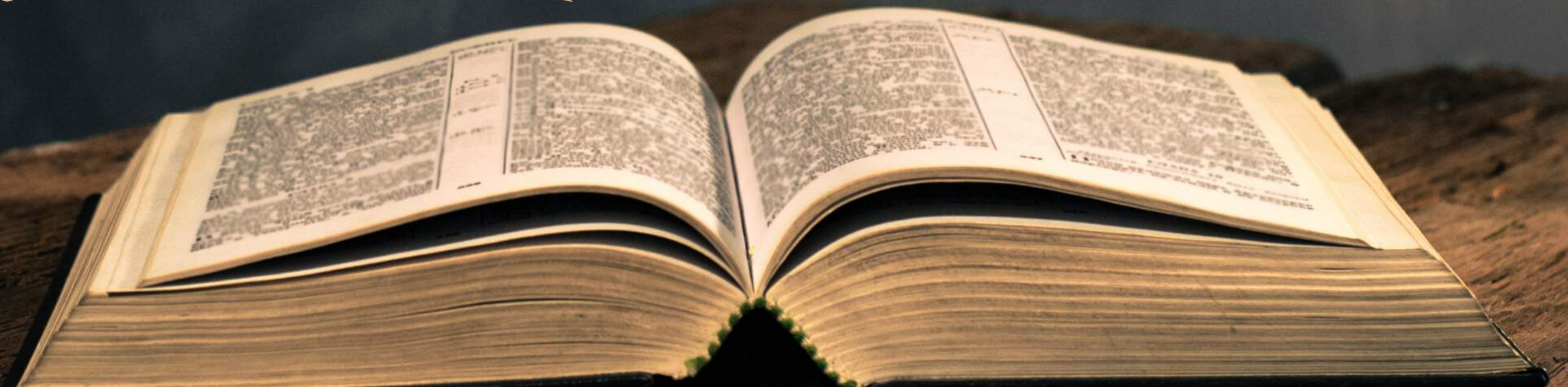
1 Peter 3:15 (Summarized)

- Revere Christ in your heart
- Provide a reason for your hope (defense)
- Do so with gentleness and respect



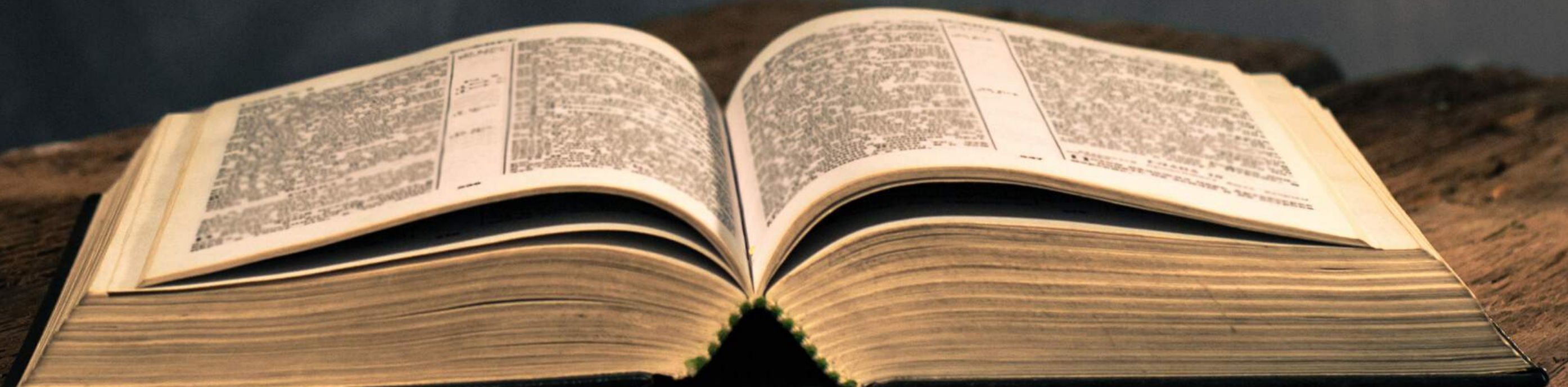
Colossians 4:2-6

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.



Colossians 4:2-6 (Summarized)

- Be faithful, watchful, and thankful in prayer.
- Pray for God to provide opportunities for the gospel.
- Pray that we would preach it clearly.
- Be wise toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.
- Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.



Sensus Divinitatis



“Sense of God”

Every human is created in God’s image and has a “sense of God.” Even the unbelieving know he exists. Their very being testifies to the reality that god exists. But, in their sin they suppress this truth (Romans 1:18-21). As you evangelize, remember that every person you speak to knows what you are saying is true, whether they acknowledge it or not.

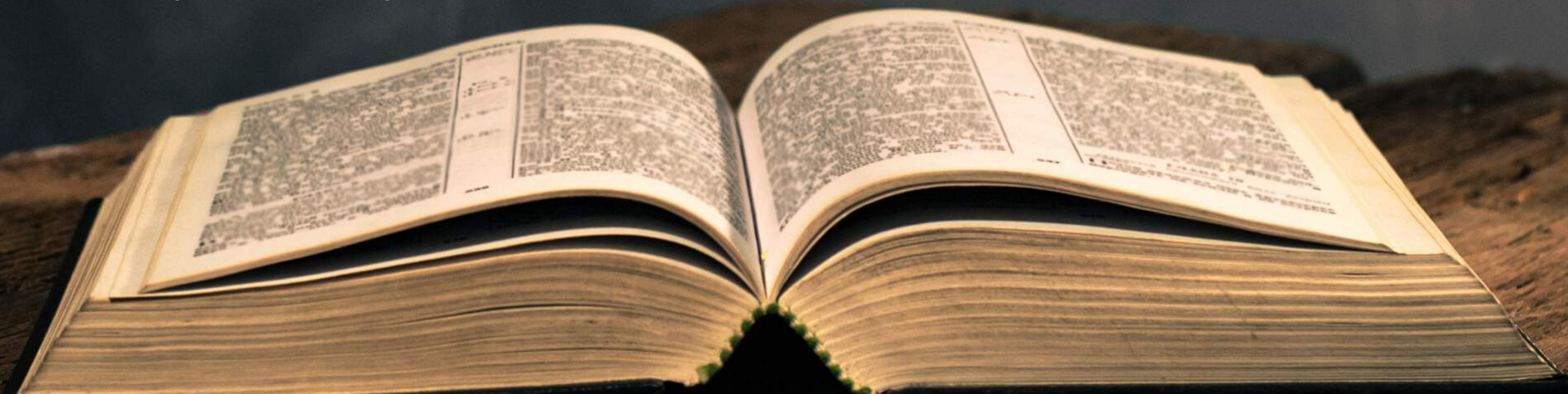
For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. -Romans 1:21



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Romans 10:14-17

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



Preach the Gospel

Yourself: Remind yourself of the gospel every day.

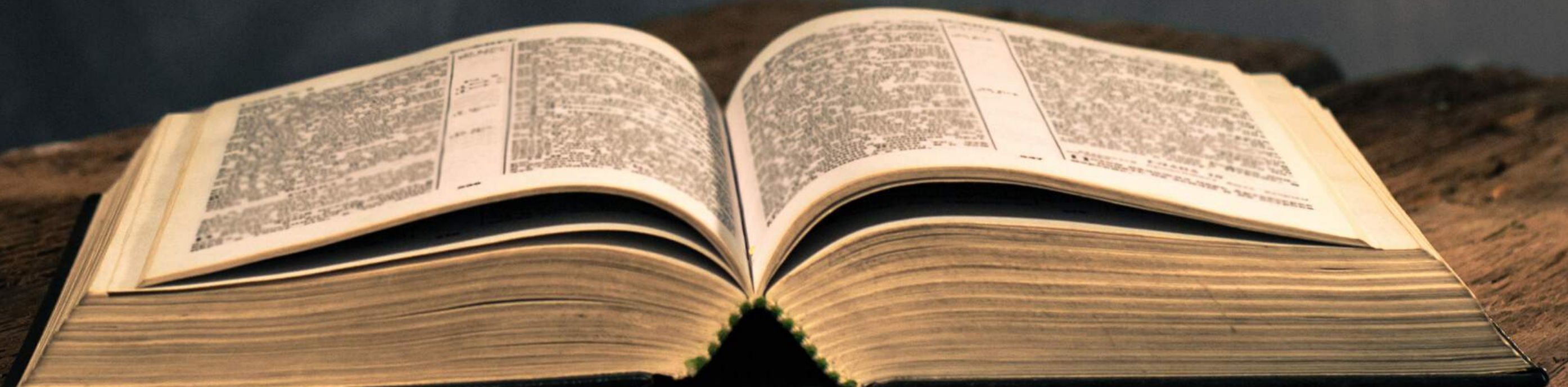
Family: Lead family worship. Teach your kids the gospel every day.

Church: Remind one another of the gospel every Lord's Day (and every day).

Lost: Preach the gospel to those who are dead in trespasses and sins.

Pray for Evangelism

- Luke 10:2 (Laborers for the Harvest)
- Acts 1:8 (Strength from the Holy Spirit)
- Colossians 4:3-4 (Opportunities for the Gospel)
- John 6:44 (For God to draw the lost to Jesus)



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Discipleship When they Repent and Believe

1. Baptize believers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
2. Teach them to obey God (God's Word).

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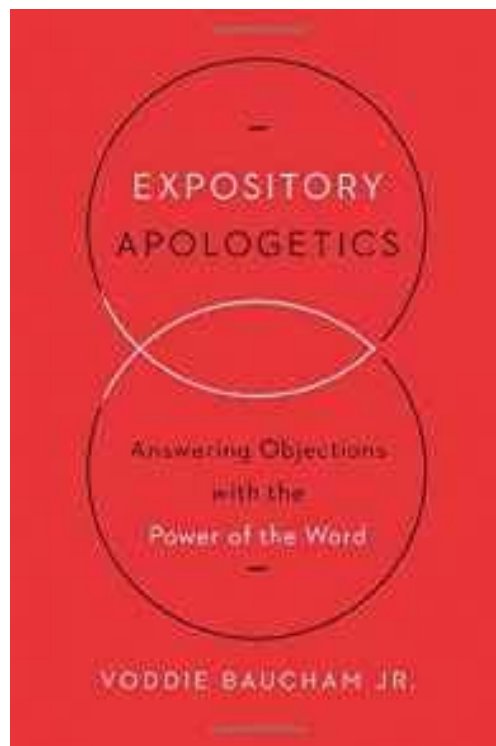
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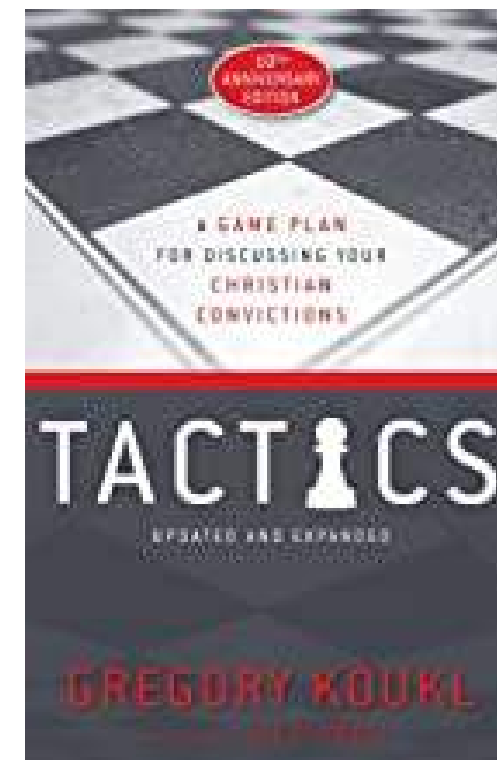
Recommended Reading



Expository Apologetics

by Voddie Baucham

If you read only one book on evangelism and apologetics...



Tactics

by Gregory Koukl

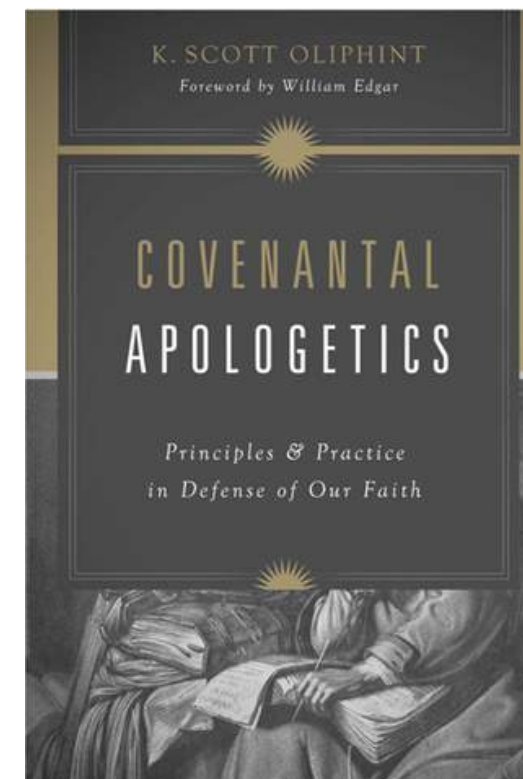
This book teaches a simple process for apologetics and evangelism that you will find natural.



Follow

by Daniel Samms

This book is designed to be a simple process for evangelism, apologetics, and discipleship...though the author is questionable.



Covenantal Apologetics

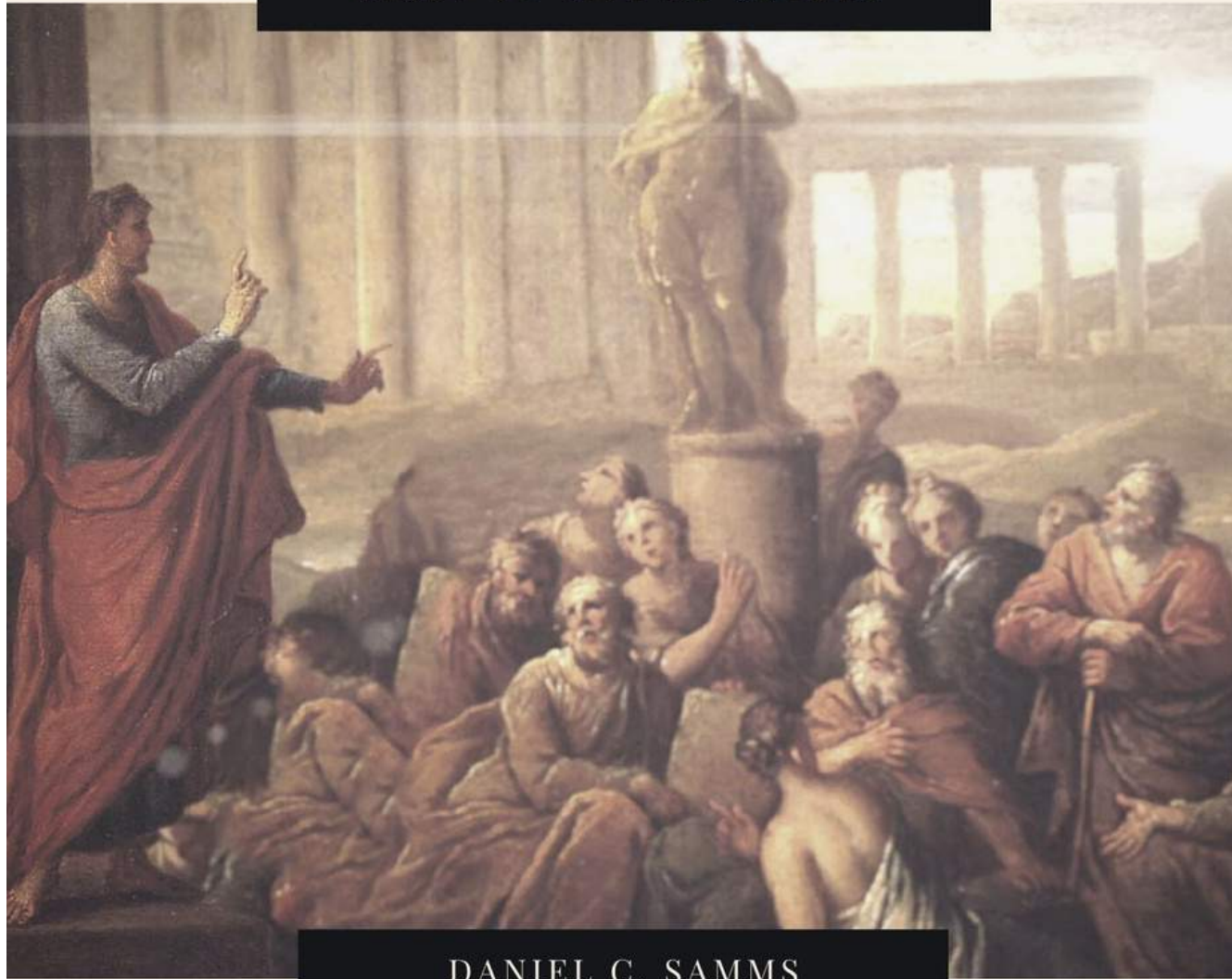
by Scott Oliphint

This book is advanced, but it addresses the philosophy and practice of presuppositional apologetics.

FAITH // REASON // TRUTH

APOLOGETICS

READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER



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Apologetics Course: Underground Seminary

This is one of the most practical courses we offer for Underground Seminary. It prepares you to engage unbelievers with logical defenses of Christianity and winsome destruction of arguments from unbelievers.

This course is particularly valuable, because it is not mere academic argumentation. It is organized specifically for evangelism.

Other Recommended Resources

- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J.I. Packer
- *Let the Nations be Glad* by John Piper
- *The Soul Winner* by Charles Spurgeon
- *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* by Mark Dever
- *Puritan Evangelism* by Joel Beeke
- Apologia Radio evangelism videos (on YouTube)

Clear Gospel Presentation:

- You are a sinner (Romans 3:23)
- Salvation is free gift in Christ (6:23)
- Believe in Jesus atoning death and bodily resurrection. (10:9-10)
- Repent of your sin and turn to Christ, proclaiming that He is Lord (10:9-10)