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MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP  
Response Card

NAME:

E-MAIL:

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PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ I am a first-time guest.
- ☐ I am a returning guest.
- ☐ I am a regular attendee/member.

MY DECISION TODAY:

- ☐ I want to know more about the Gospel.
- ☐ I am committing my life to Christ.
- ☐ I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
- ☐ I want to join a small group.
- ☐ I would like to serve on a team.

COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

- ☐ For Prayer Team
- ☐ For Pastor

Day by Day by Grace  
(November 23rd)

More on Exceedingly Abundant Grace for Transformation

*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, **although** I was **formerly** a **blasphemer**, a **persecutor**, and an **insolent** man...And the **grace** of our Lord was **exceedingly abundant**. ([1 Timothy 1:12-14](#))*

By His bountiful grace, Jesus Christ transformed Saul of Tarsus into the Apostle Paul. The Lord did this by enabling Paul, making him a man of faith, and putting him into ministry. As we consider what Paul was before the Lord began to change his life, we will see even **more on exceedingly abundant grace for transformation**. Before he became a follower of Jesus Christ, Paul engaged in blasphemous behavior. *"I was **formerly** a **blasphemer**."* Through uninformed religious zeal, he said and did much that insulted and opposed the Lord. *"Indeed, I myself thought I must do **many** things **contrary** to the **name** of **Jesus** of Nazareth"* ([Acts 26:9](#)). Part of his sin of blasphemy included trying to force Christians to speak evil of the Lord. *"And I punished them often... and **compelled** them to **blaspheme**"* ([Acts 26:11](#)).

Related to this, Paul severely persecuted believers in Jesus Christ before he came to salvation. *"I was **formerly**...a **persecutor**."* He aggressively searched out anyone he could find who followed Jesus, hoping to imprison them. *"As for Saul, he made **havoc** of the church, entering **every** house, and dragging off **men** and **women**, committing them to **prison**"* ([Acts 8:3](#)). He was so enraged against the followers of Jesus that he even obtained authorization to pursue them into distant cities beyond Israel. *"Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the **high priest** and **asked letters** from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem"* ([Acts 9:1-2](#)).

In light of such brazen aggression, it is no surprise that Paul confesses to being an arrogant man before he was saved. *"I was **formerly**...an **insolent** man."* His religious success clearly led him to a prideful estimation of his own spirituality. *"If anyone else thinks he may have **confidence** in the **flesh**, I **more** so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless"* ([Philippians 3:4-6](#)).

Nevertheless, all of this misguided religiosity could be **transformed** by God's bountiful grace. *"And the **grace** of our Lord was **exceedingly abundant**."*

Lord Jesus, what marvelous grace this is! What encouraging words these are! Yes, I see that my own disqualifying failures can be turned around by Your exceedingly abundant grace! Transform me Lord, I humbly pray!

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room.

For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116**.

(Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



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NVCCC English Ministry

November 23, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Praise\*
- Prayer\*
- Scripture reading
- Hebrews 1:1-2
- Message
- Hearing God
- Speaker
- Pastor Paul Lee
- Response Card and Offerings
- Response song\*
- Announcements
- Doxology\*
- Benediction/Closing prayer
- Pastor Paul Lee
- (\* Stand if you are able, please.)

UPCOMING

Today — Baptism & Membership Meeting

November 28th — Potluck @Church

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday 10AM - Worship service

After Sunday worship service, we have a time of fellowship with refreshments. You are welcome to join!

Friday 8PM - Small group  
(In-person and online)

The online link for small group meetings will be found in our weekly email announcement. Any questions? Send an email to: [nvcccem@gmail.com](mailto:nvcccem@gmail.com)

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1:1-2

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

God’s love for you is forever and ever in Christ!

HEARING GOD

Discussion Questions

Think about, write down, and meditate on the times God spoke (or is speaking) to you in the following ways:

(1) Impression

(2) People

(3) Circumstance

(4) Bible

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- ( ) Membership 101
- ( ) Maturity 201
- ( ) Ministry 301
- ( ) Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- ( ) Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- ( ) Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- ( ) How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- ( ) I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- ( ) I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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