

A cityscape at sunset with a glowing cross in the sky. The background is a dense urban landscape with many buildings, illuminated by the warm light of the setting sun. In the upper right corner, a bright cross is visible in the sky, with rays of light emanating from it. The overall color palette is dominated by warm tones of orange, yellow, and red, with a blue sky above.

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Introduction:

When Paul's perception of Jesus and himself changed, **EVERYTHING** about him changed!

Text: Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way...

whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

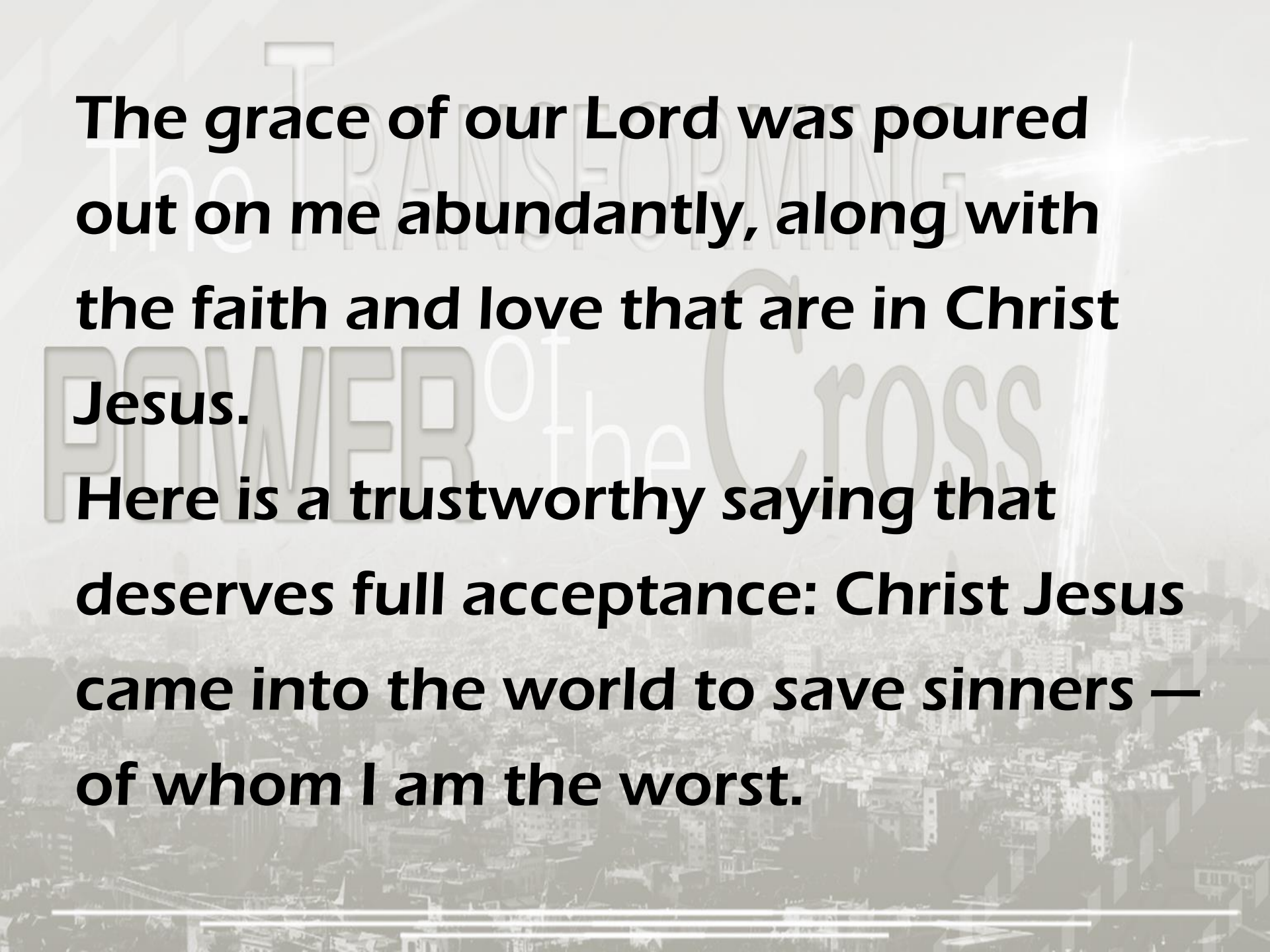
“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.

“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

Acts 9:1-6

Text: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

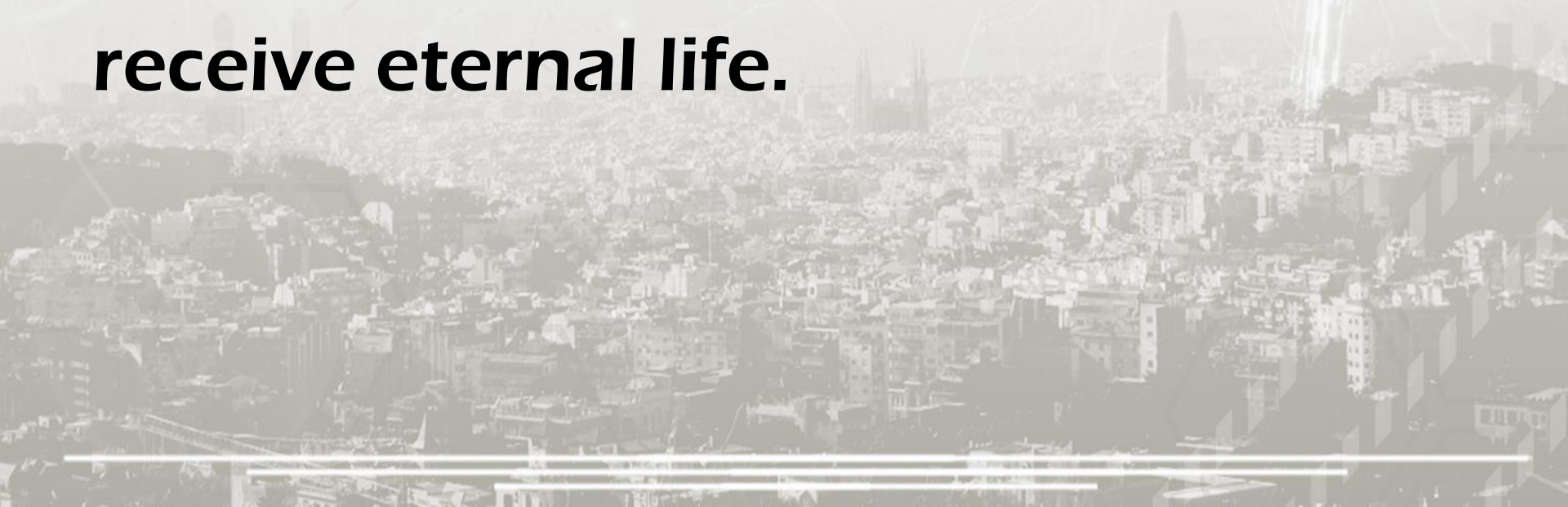
I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.



The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst.

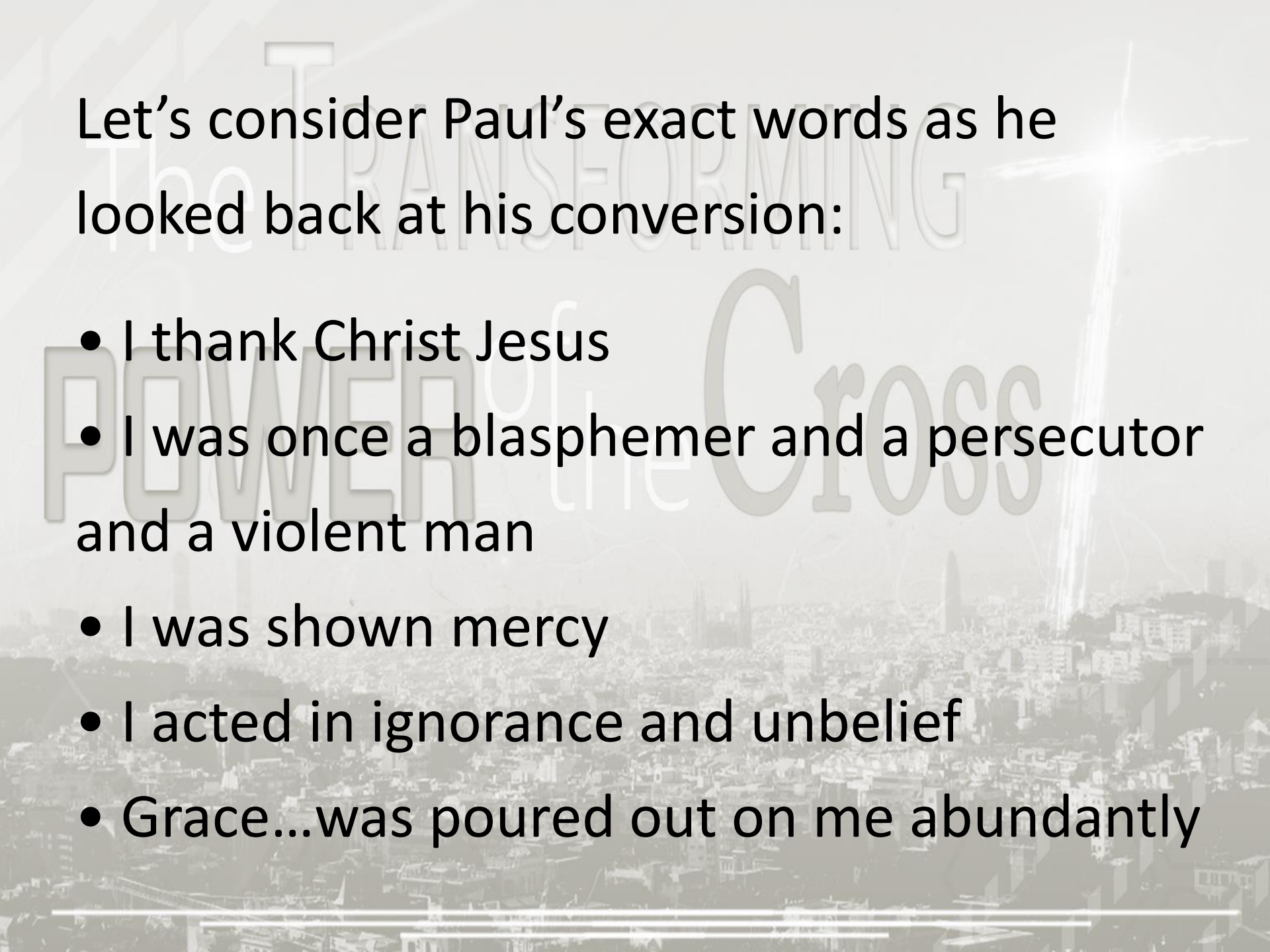
But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.



**Now to the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, the only God, be honor and
glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

POWER of the Cross



Let's consider Paul's exact words as he looked back at his conversion:

- I thank Christ Jesus
- I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man
- I was shown mercy
- I acted in ignorance and unbelief
- Grace...was poured out on me abundantly

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- Along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus
- I am the worst of sinners
- I was shown mercy
- So that...Christ Jesus might display his immense patience

When you truly confess the crucifixion of Jesus:

Your heart will be filled with

GRATITUDE.

Your sins will be consigned to the

PAST and you will be freed to walk

boldly into the **FUTURE**.

When you truly confess the crucifixion of Jesus:

You will learn to understand **MERCY**.

You will receive abundant **GRACE**,
FAITH, and **LOVE** —“I have come
that you might have life, and have it more
abundantly (John 10:10).”

When you truly confess the crucifixion of Jesus:

You will be delivered from your **PRIDE**.

You will become a powerful

EXAMPLE to others that will lead

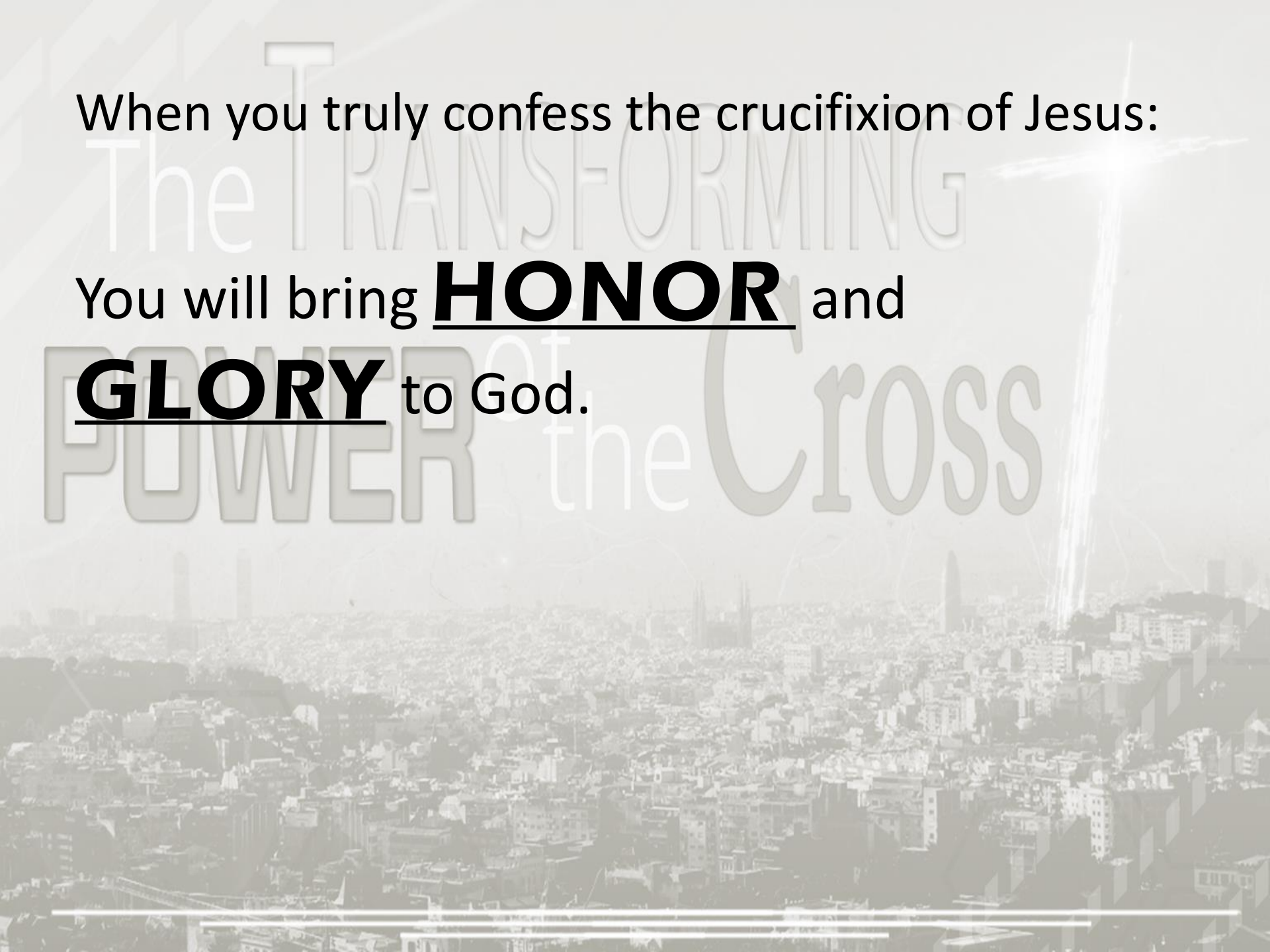
them into **BELIEF** and

ETERNAL LIFE.

When you truly confess the crucifixion of Jesus:

You will bring **HONOR** and

GLORY to God.

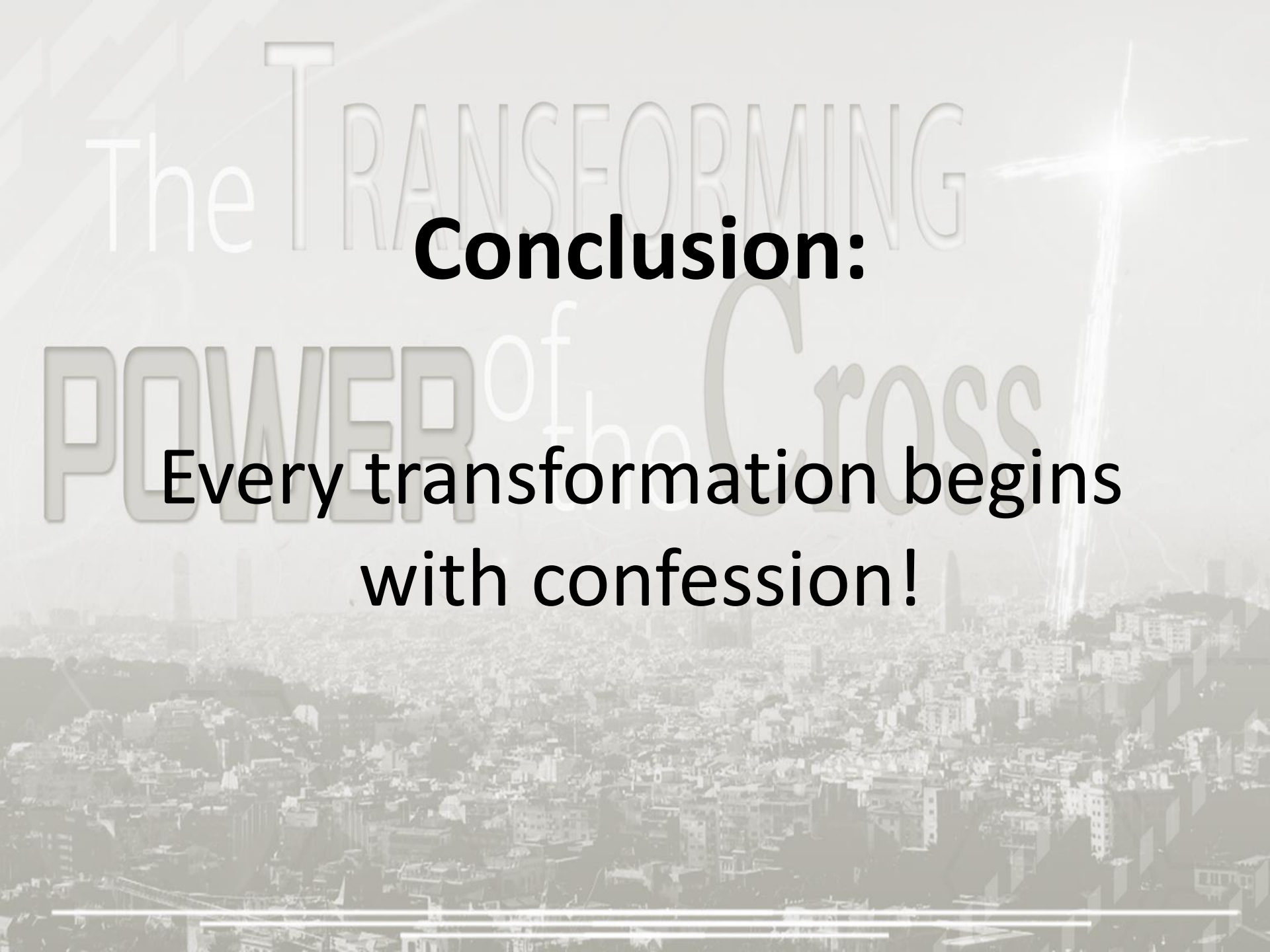


The TRANSFORMING

Conclusion:

Every transformation begins
with confession!

POWER of the Cross



The background of the slide is a panoramic view of a city, likely San Francisco, during the golden hour of sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue. A prominent feature is a bright, glowing cross in the upper right quadrant of the sky, with light rays emanating from it. The city below is densely packed with buildings, and the overall atmosphere is warm and spiritual.

The TRANSFORMING POWER of the Cross

CONFESSING THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST
