



Christ Jesus

Our Righteousness

1 Corinthians 1:30

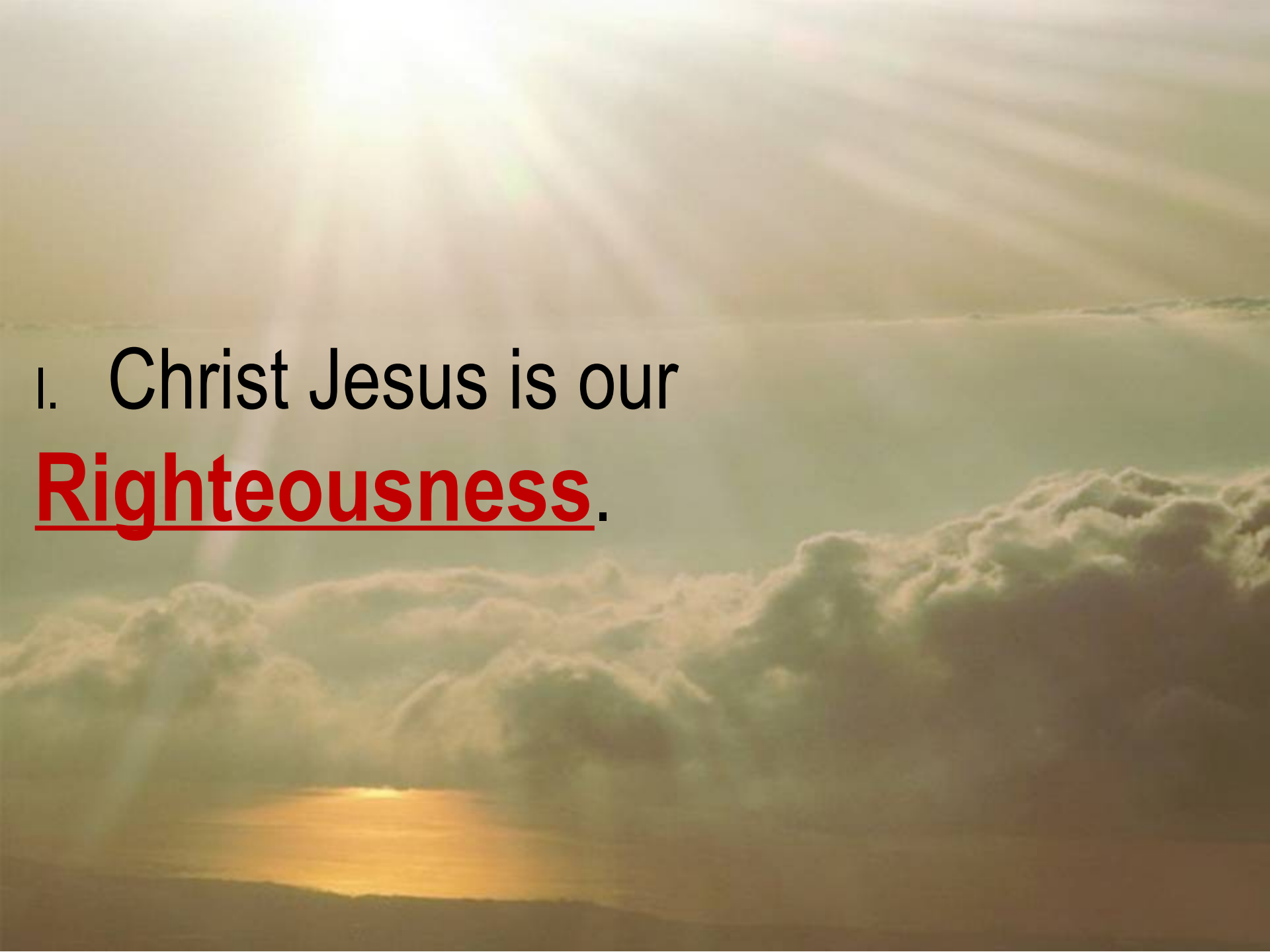
But of Him you are in Christ Jesus,
who became for us **wisdom** from God—
and righteousness and
sanctification and **redemption**—

Reign in Life

with Christ Jesus as our Righteousness

What does this mean?

What are the implications
for living and reigning?



i. Christ Jesus is our
Righteousness.

This means:-

1. We have right **Standing** with God.

Romans 5:1

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

This means:-

2. This righteousness is the Righteousness of **God**.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us,
that we might become the
righteousness of God in Him.

This means:-

3. This righteousness is a **Gift** imputed to those who **Believe**.

Romans 4:3 - 5

³For what does the Scripture say?

“Abraham **believed** God, and it was **accounted** to him for **righteousness**.”

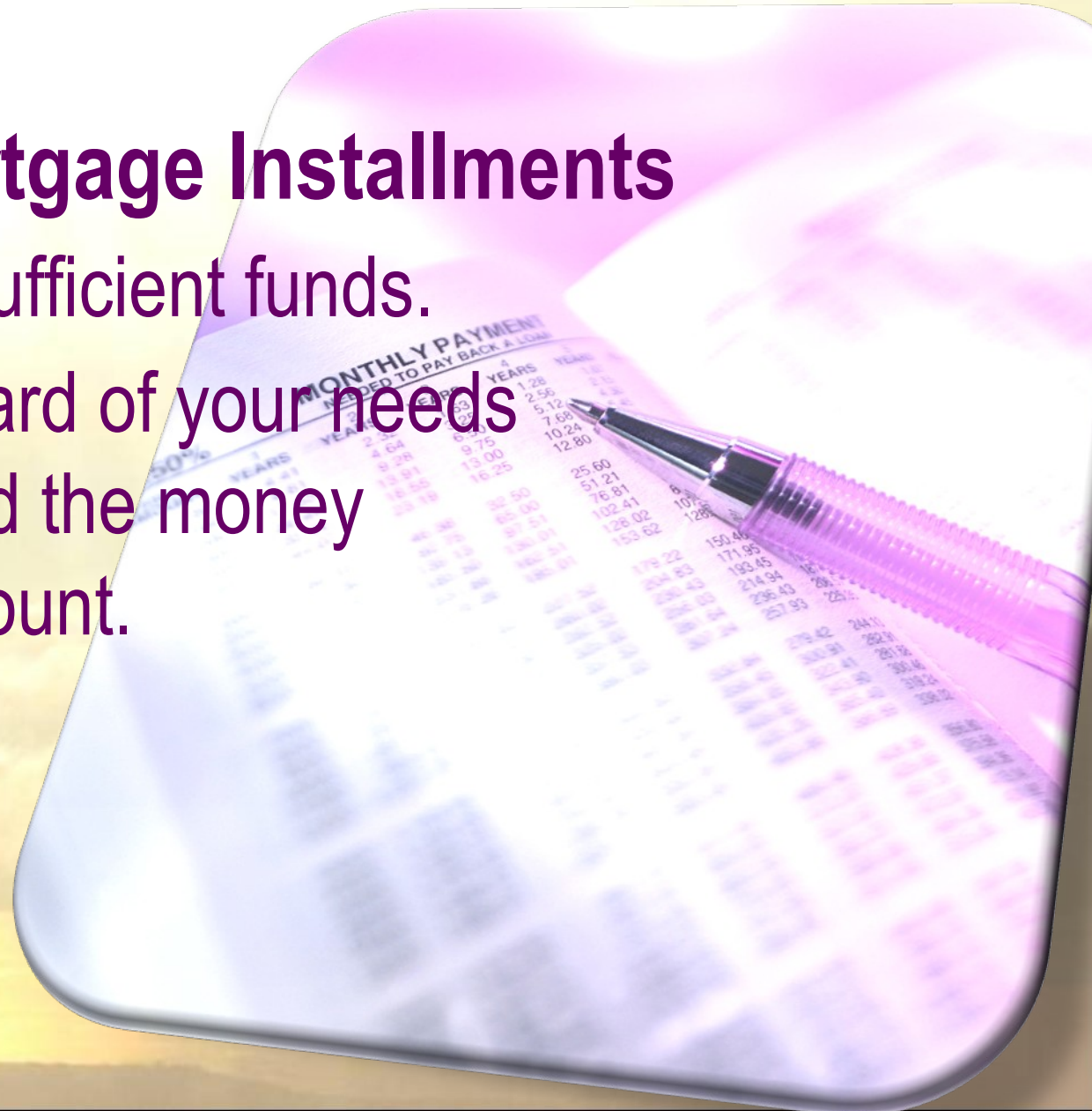
Romans 4:3 - 5

⁴Now to him who **works**, the **wages** are not counted as **grace** but as debt.

⁵But to him who does **not work but believes** on Him who justifies the ungodly,
**his faith is accounted
for righteousness**

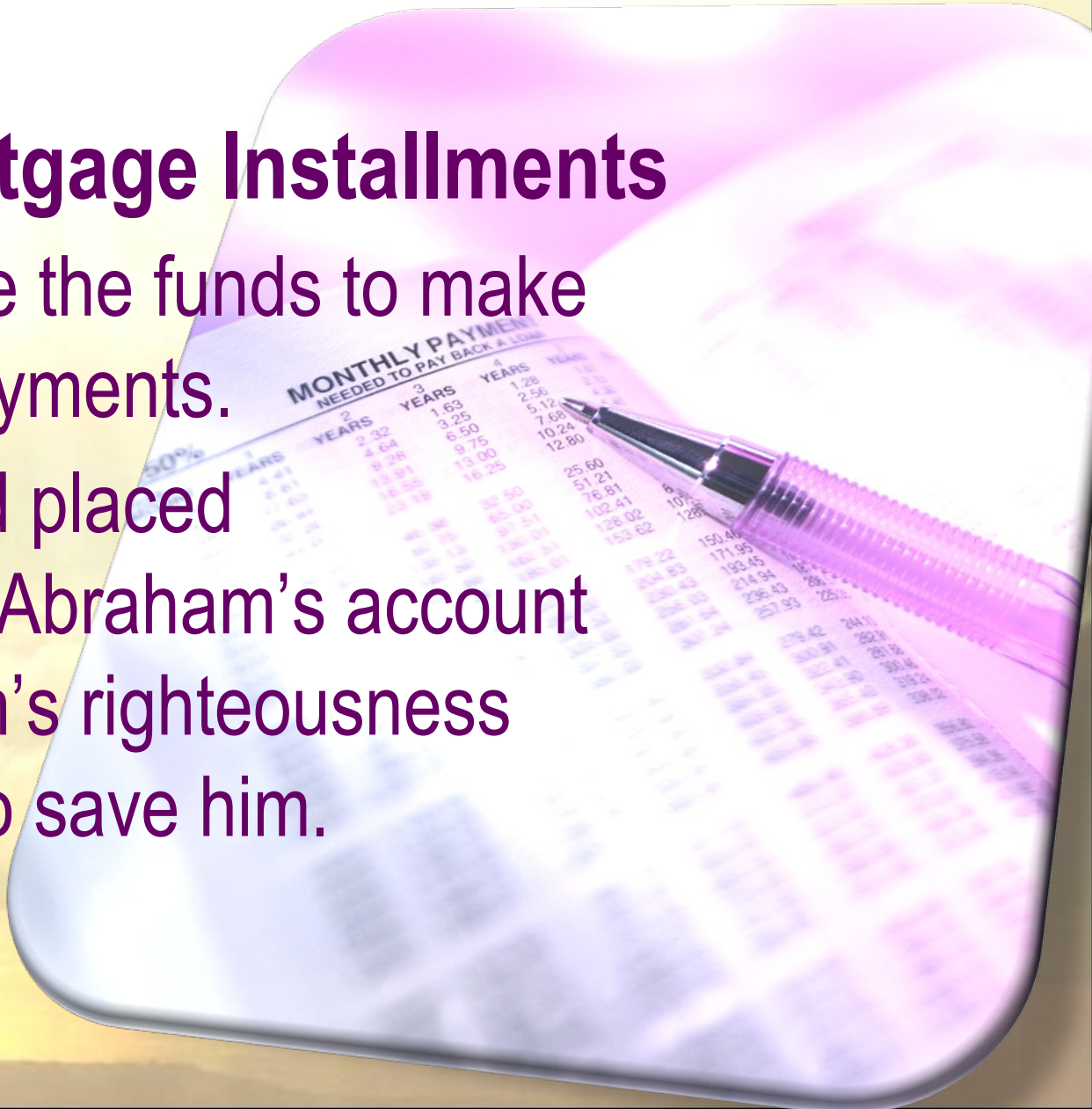
e.g. **Paying Mortgage Installments**

- You have insufficient funds.
- Someone heard of your needs and deposited the money into your account.



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- You now have the funds to make your mortgage payments.
- Similarly, God placed righteousness on Abraham's account because Abraham's righteousness was not enough to save him.



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- For God to place righteousness on a person's account is **justification**.
- Justification is the act of God whereby He **acquits a believer** of the verdict of condemnation and declares him to be **righteous**.



This means:-

4. This righteousness is received by **Faith** and **Confessing** Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Romans 10:9 - 10

⁹that 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.

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¹⁰For with the heart one believes
unto righteousness,
and with the mouth confession
is made unto salvation.

This means:-

5. This righteousness is entirely due to Mercy and Grace of God.

Ephesians 2:8 - 9

⁸For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift of God**, ⁹**not of works**, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 10:3

For they being **ignorant of God's**
righteousness, and **seeking to establish**
their own righteousness,
have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

Philippians 3:9

and be found in Him,

not having my own righteousness,

which is from the law,

but that which is **through faith in Christ**,

the righteousness which is

from God by faith



This means:-

6. This righteousness is received Only by Faith in Christ and not by any Works of the law.

Galatians 2:16

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by **faith in Christ** and **not by the works of the law**; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Galatians 3:10

For as many as are of the works of the law
are under the curse; for it is written,
“Cursed is everyone who does not continue
in all things which are written
in the book of the law, to do them.”

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James 2:10

For whoever shall keep the whole law,
and yet stumble in one point,
he is guilty of all.

Galatians 3:10 - 11

But that **no one is justified by the law**
in the sight of God is evident,
for “**the just shall live by faith.**”

Romans 10:4

Christ is the END of the LAW
for Righteousness to Everyone
who Believes

This means:-

7. The principle of Grace guarantees the eternal security of our salvation.

- ✓ We are saved by grace.
- ✓ We continue in our Christian living also by grace.
- ✓ We do not lose our salvation when we fall due to our human frailty.

This means:-

7. The principle of Grace guarantees the eternal security of our salvation.
 - ✓ If that were true, God will stop dealing with us by grace and start dealing with us by law.
 - ✓ That will mean no one can keep their salvation because we all sin.

e.g. **The Life of David**

He committed 2 major sins:-

A. **Adultery** : **2 Samuel 11:1 - 5**

B. **Murder** : **2 Samuel 11:14 - 17**

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At this point in **David's life**,
he was already saved.

Did he lose his salvation because of
these great sins? **NO**

Psalm 51:10 - 12

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from Your presence,
and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Psalm 32:1 - 2

- ¹Blessed is he whose transgression is **forgiven**, whose **sin is covered**.
- ²Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does **not impute iniquity**, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.



Romans 4:6

just as David also describes
the blessedness of the man
to whom **God imputes righteousness**
apart from works

**Christ Jesus,
our Righteousness**

This is the Gospel of GRACE

How then shall we live?

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- I. Christ Jesus is our Righteousness.
 - II. Seek His Righteousness.

II. Seek His Righteousness.

Matthew 6:33

But seek **first** the kingdom of God and
His righteousness, and all these things
shall be added to you.

II. Seek His **Righteousness**.

1. This means we seek **His** Righteousness as **our** righteousness

i.e. consciously know we have **Right**
Standing With God Always.

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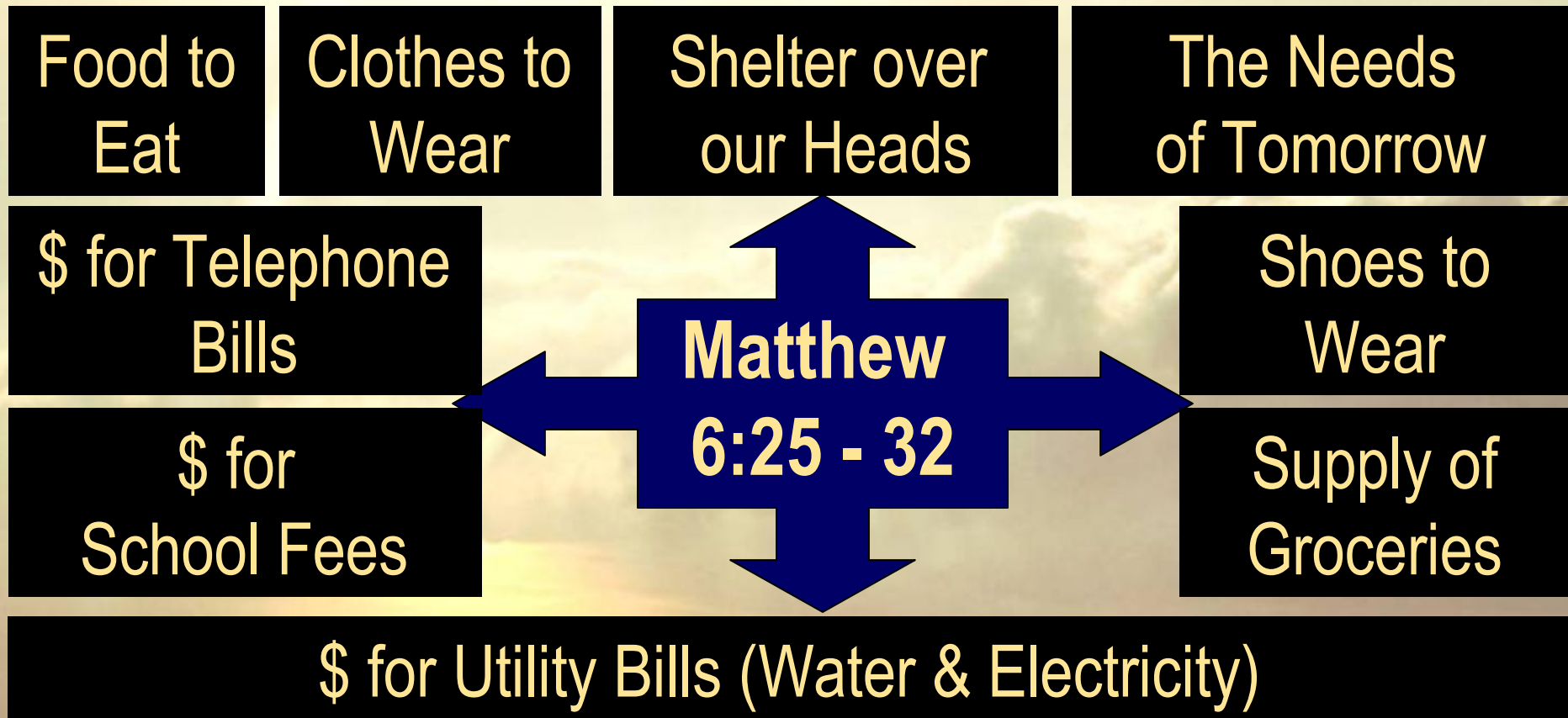
2. With right standing i.e. Christ Jesus as our Righteousness, Christian living is about learning to **Believe** and **Receive** His **Grace** for our daily needs.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may **receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

II. Seek His **Righteousness**.

3. When we do so, this is the key to the **Provision** of all our needs in life.



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4. This is about daily learning to **Trust** Him and **Acknowledge** Him in all our ways.

Proverbs 3:5 - 6

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.

II. Seek His **Righteousness**.

5. This is about living our lives in total **Dependency** on the Lord.

John 6:68

... “Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

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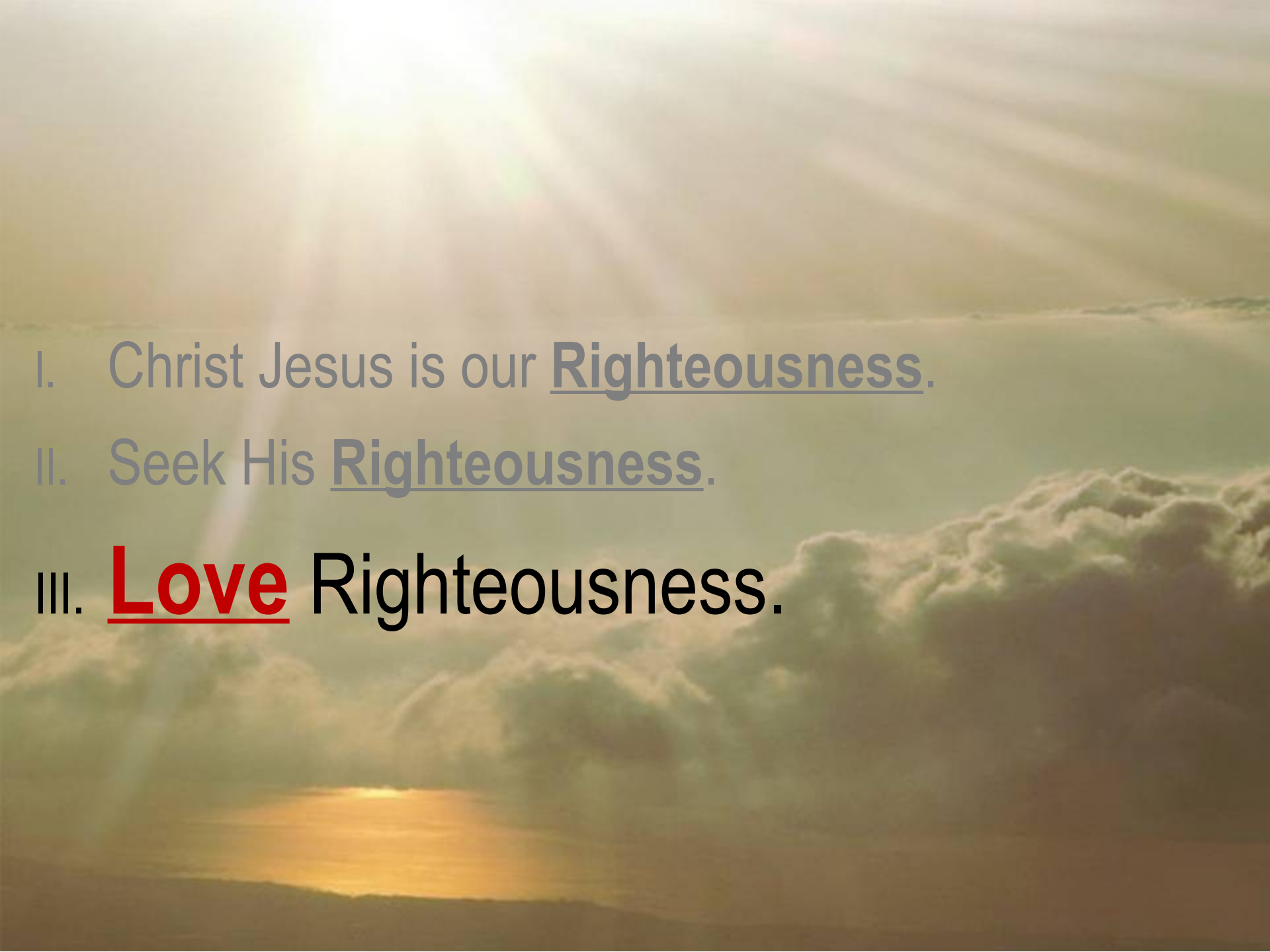
6. As we do so, we will experience **Peace**
and **Joy** in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking,
but **righteousness** and **peace and joy**
in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:6b

... but to be spiritually minded is **life and peace.**

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- I. Christ Jesus is our Righteousness.
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 - III. Love Righteousness.

III. Love Righteousness.

Hebrews 1:9

You have **loved righteousness** and
hated lawlessness;
therefore God, Your God,
has anointed You with the oil of gladness
more than Your companions.

III. Love Righteousness.

Loving Righteousness means :

1. Grow in Love with the Lord Jesus.
 - We will desire to **please** Him.
 - **Obedience** to God's Word is love-based.

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Titus 2:11 - 12

- We will desire the **better** thing.
- We will grow in **holiness**
i.e. in separation from the things that defiles
and corrupts to the things that edify us
and pleases God.

III. **Love** Righteousness.

Loving Righteousness means :

2. **Sharing** His Love with others.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand that
we should walk in them.

Conclusion: What is your response?

1. Do you have **Right** standing with God?

Are you **Reconciled** with God?

Romans 5:1

2 Corinthians 5:17 - 21

Conclusion: What is your response?

2. You are a believer but live under

Condemnation.

2 reasons :-

A. You are Ignorant of your position in Christ:-

Revelation 12:10 - the evil one takes advantage of your ignorance and cause you to live in defeat

1 John 3:20 - 22

²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

²²And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 John 2:1 - Perfect Advocate

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B. You are living in Disobedience to God just like Joshua, the high priest in Zech 3.

Zechariah 3:1 - 7

¹Then he showed me **Joshua the high priest** standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

²And the LORD said to Satan,

“The LORD rebuke you, Satan!

The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you!

Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?”

Zechariah 3:1 - 7

³Now Joshua was **clothed with filthy garments**, and was standing before the Angel.

⁴Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “Take away the filthy garments from him.” And to him He said, “See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will **clothe you with rich robes.**”

Zechariah 3:1 - 7

⁵And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the [clean] clothes on him.

And the Angel of the LORD stood by.

⁶Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying,

Zechariah 3:1 - 7

⁷“Thus says the LORD of hosts:

If you will **walk in My ways**,

and if you will **keep My command**,

then you shall also **judge My house**,

and likewise **have charge of My courts**;

I will give you **places to walk**

among these who stand here.

Conclusion: What is your response?

3. You have Right standing and Reign with Christ.
1 Kings 17:1

And Elijah the Tishbite,
of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab,
“As the LORD God of Israel lives,
before whom I stand,
there shall not be dew nor rain these years,
except at my word.”

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Romans 5:17

... much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.