

ROMANS

PART II: GOD'S PROVISION

THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM PART 1



3 Reasons Righteousness is by Faith Apart from Works

#1 It is a Direct Deposit.

#2 It is a Gift.

#3 It Precedes the Law.



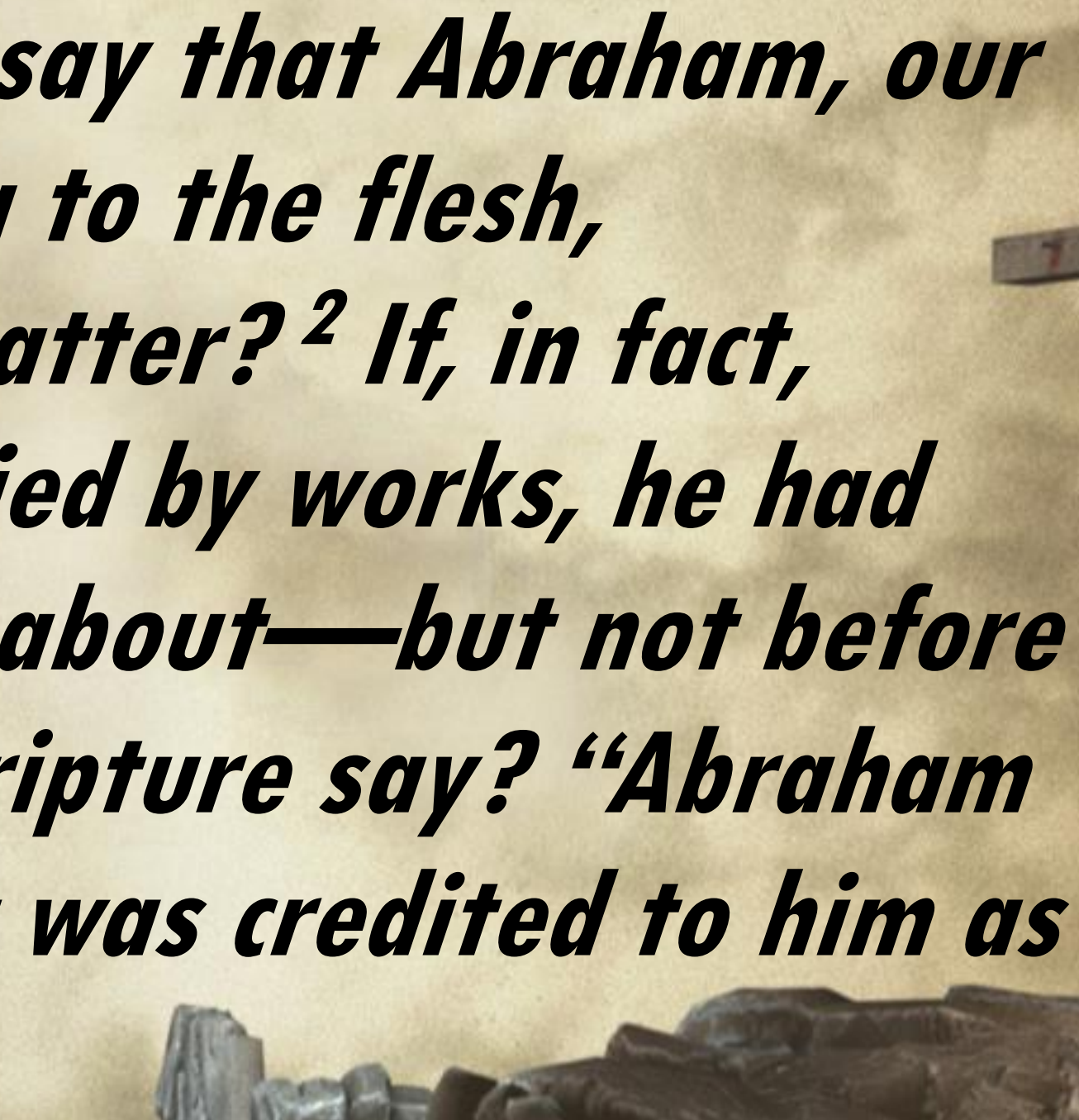
Reason #1

Righteousness is a Direct Deposit.



Romans 4:1-3

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

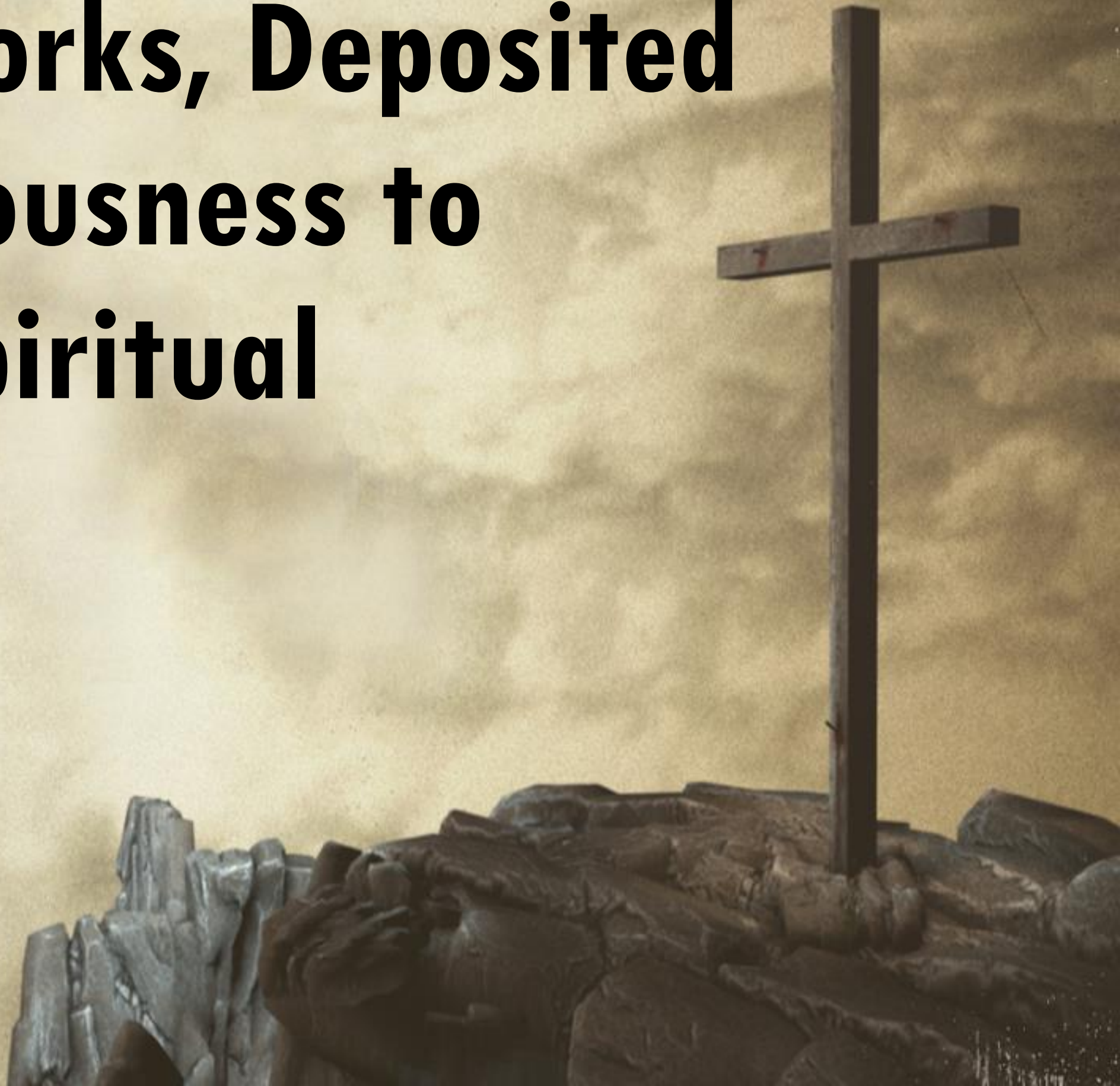
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A banking term. To make a deposit into an account.



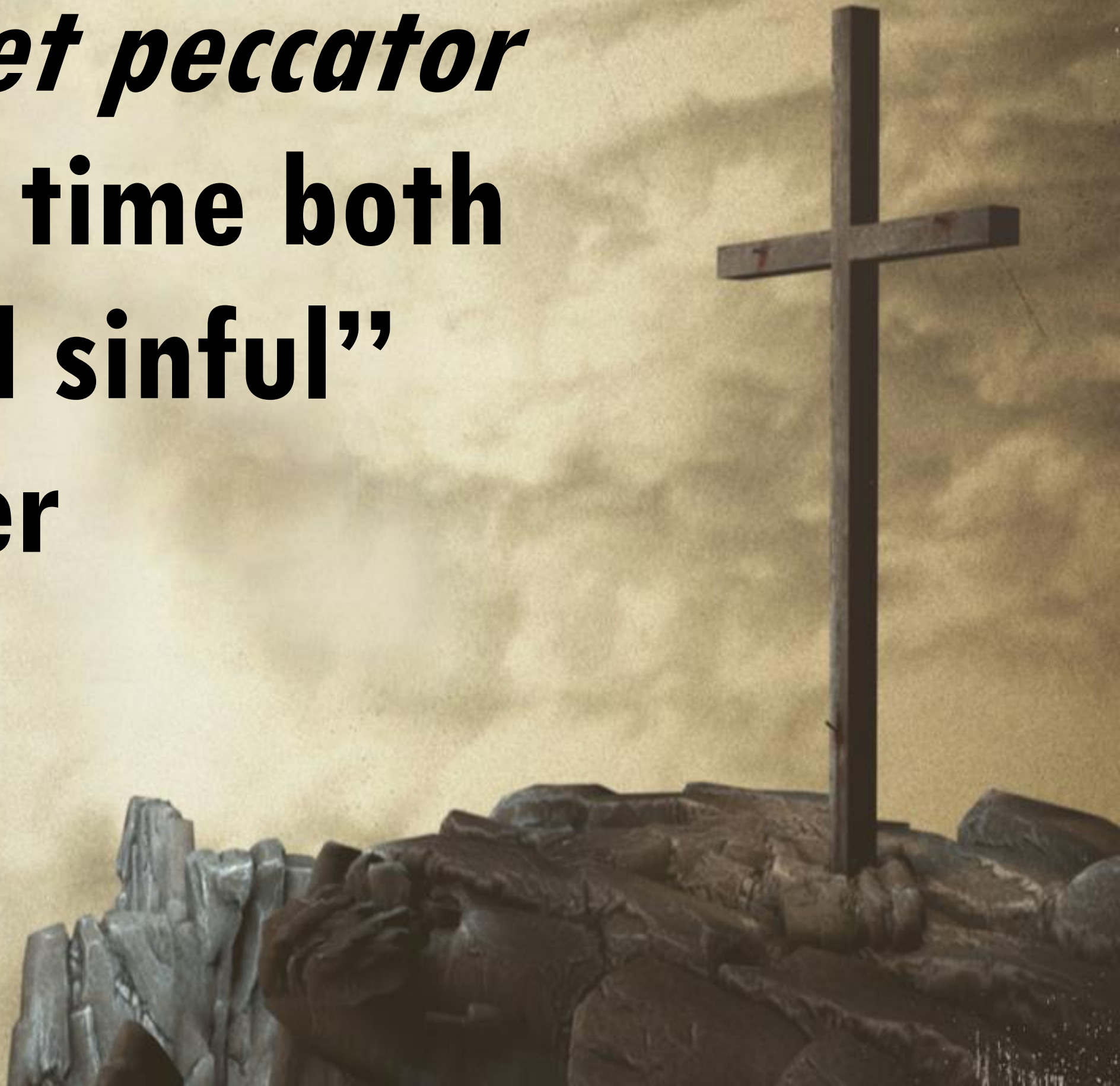
**Faith, NOT works, Deposited
God's Righteousness to
Abraham's Spiritual
Account.**



simul justus et peccator

**“at the same time both
righteous and sinful”**

-Martin Luther



Reason #2

Righteousness is a Gift.



Romans 4:4-5

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.



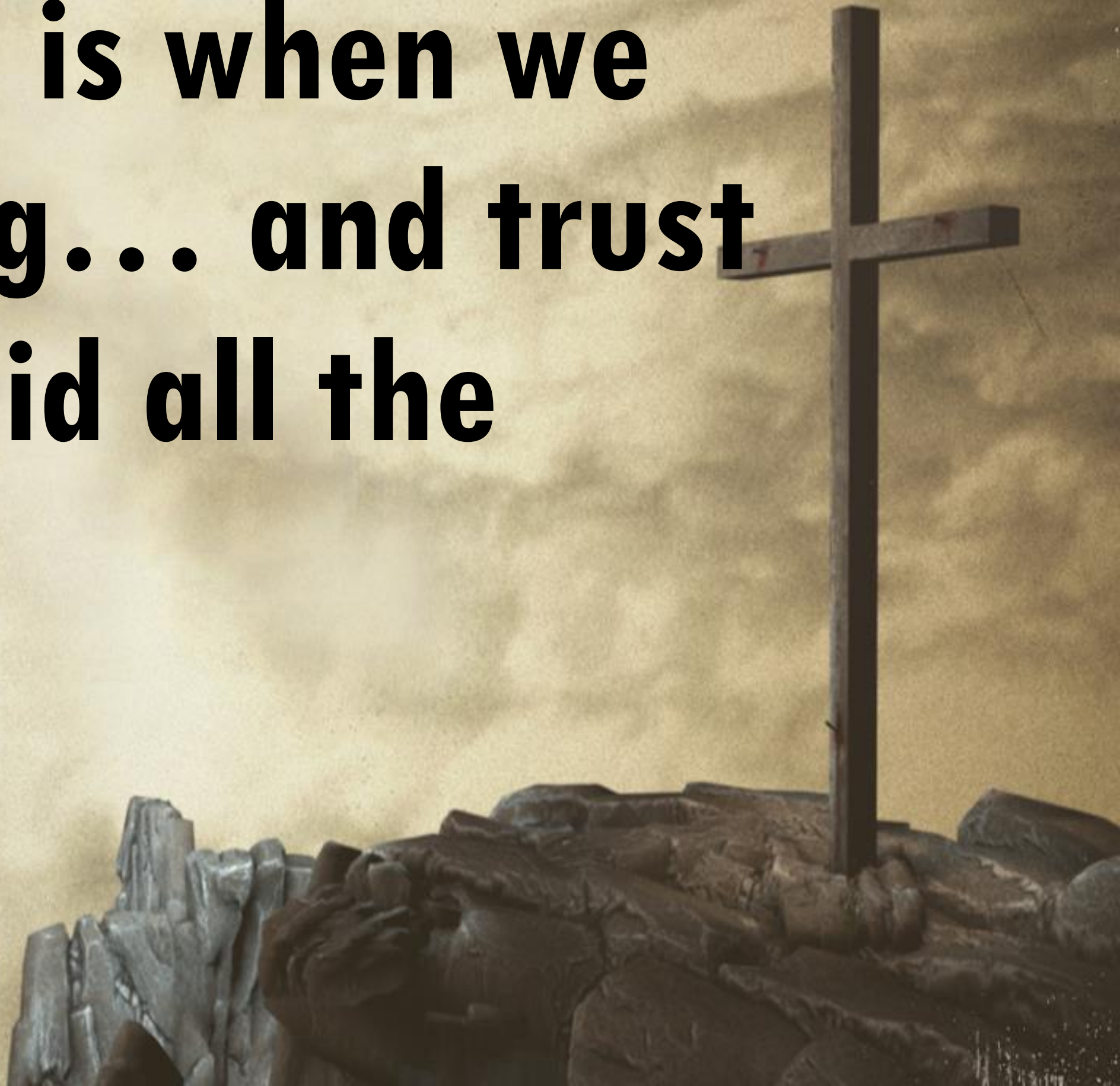
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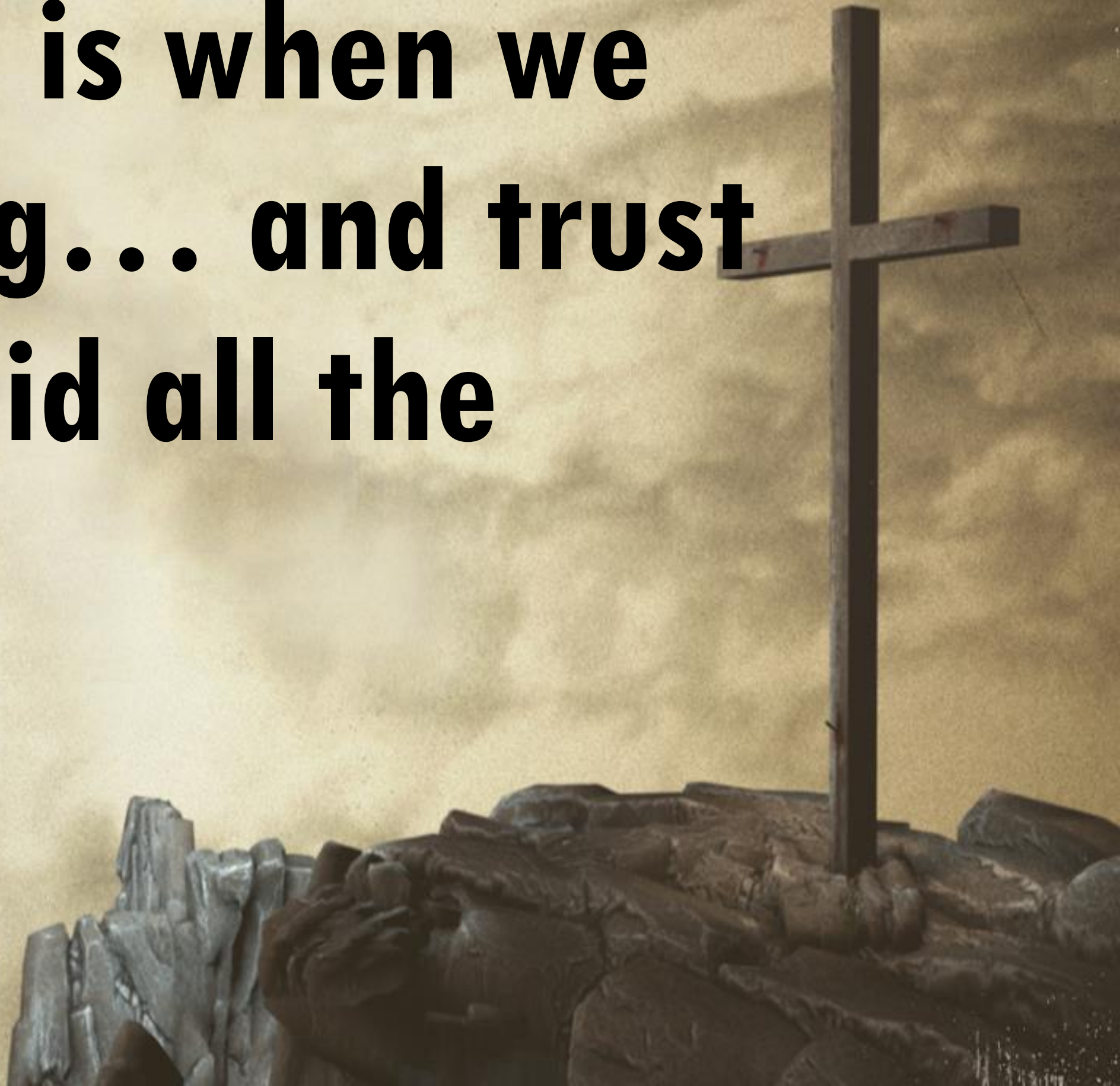
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Reason #3

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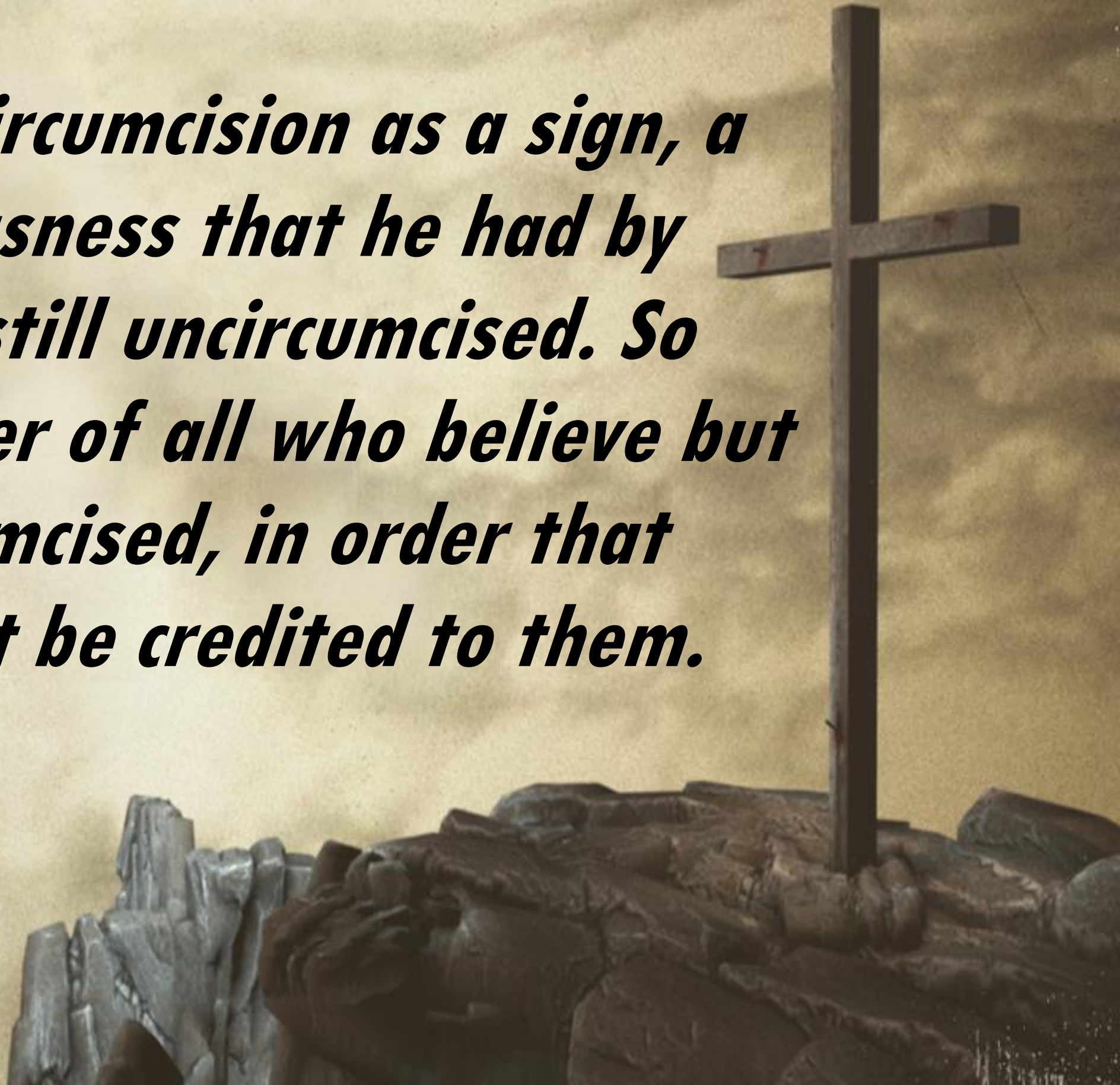
Romans 4:9-12

⁹ Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. ¹⁰ Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before!



Romans 4:9-12

11 And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.



Romans 4:9-12

¹² And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

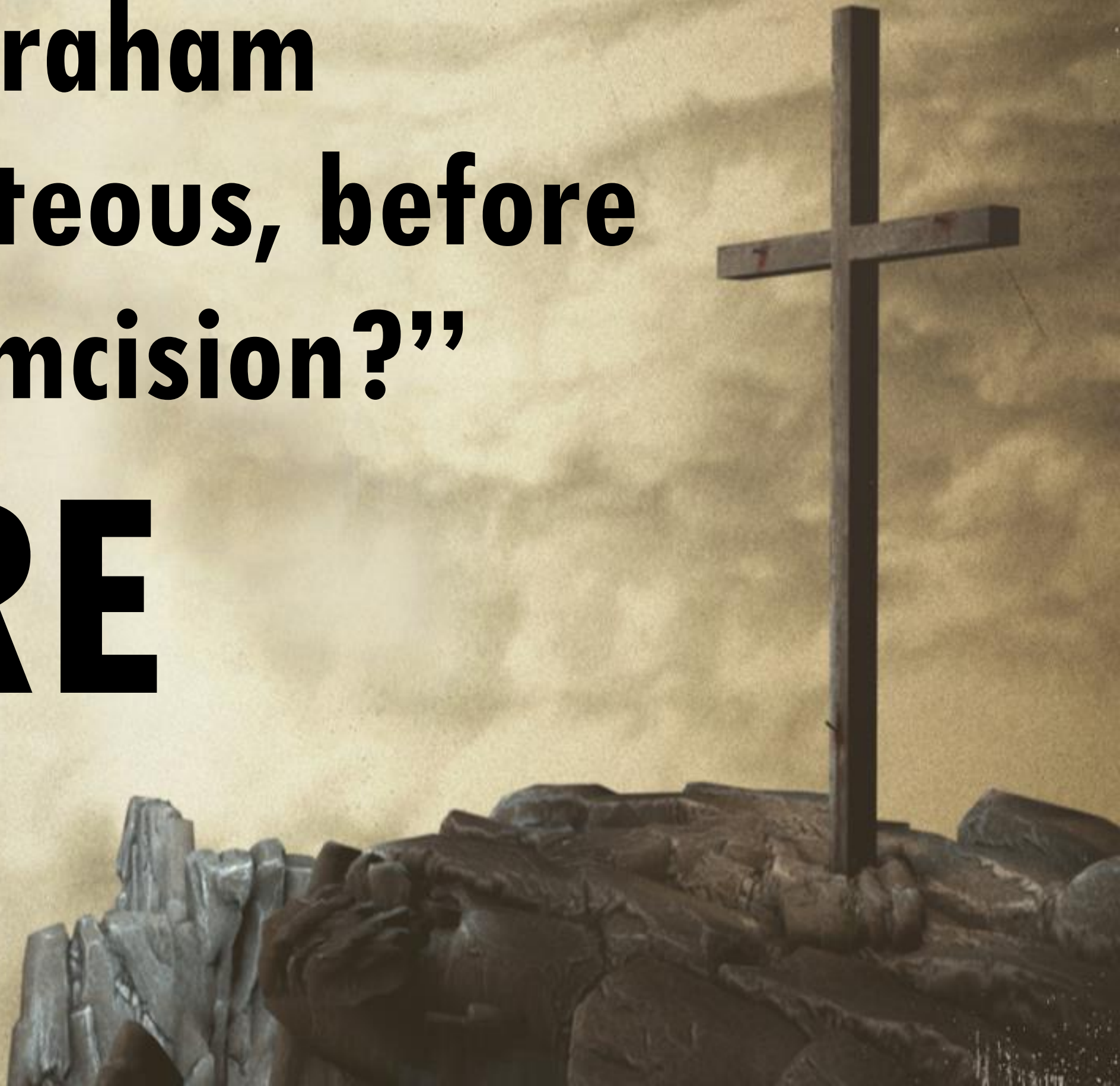


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**Abraham was Declared
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Evangelism:
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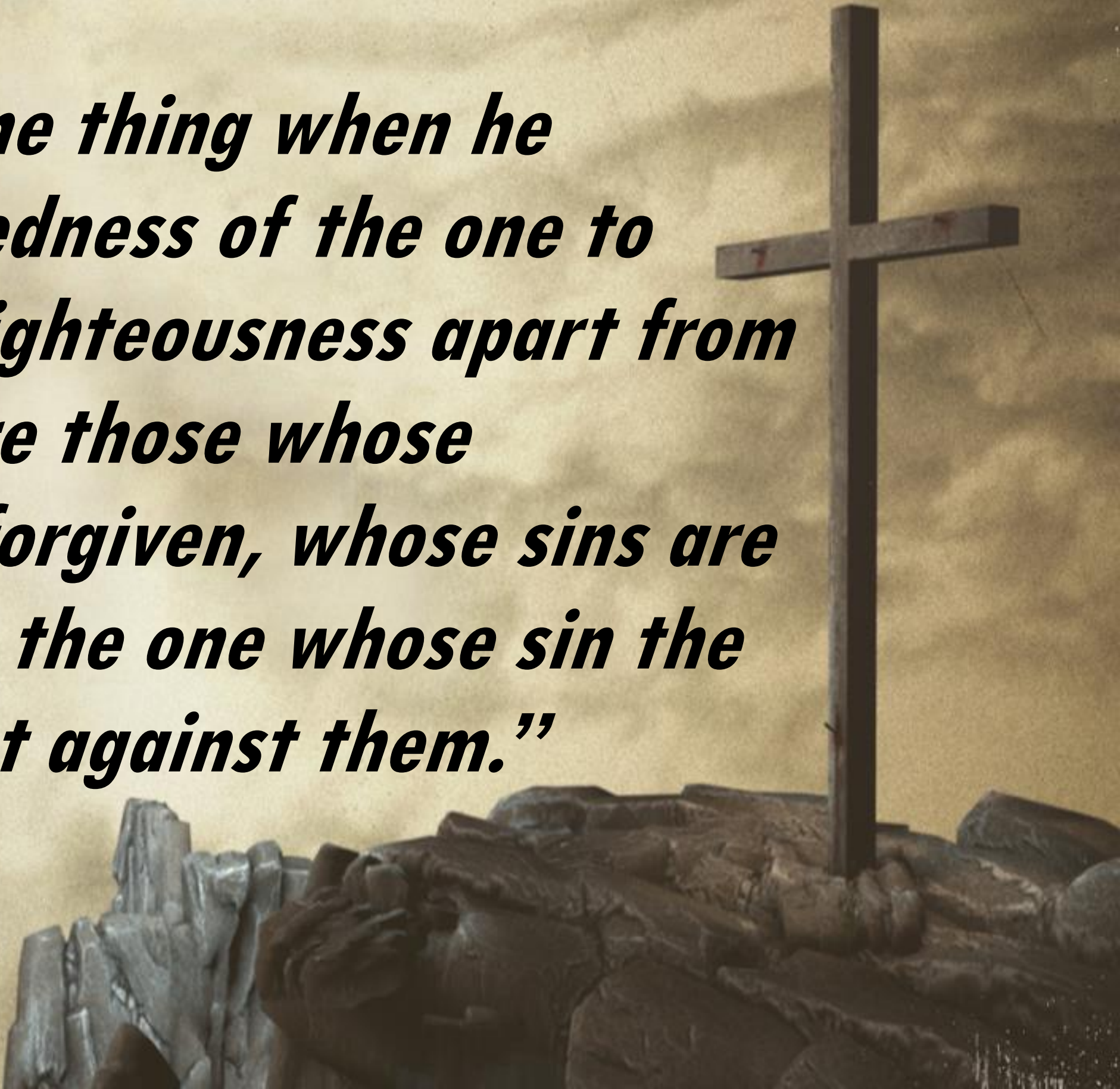
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Romans 4:6-8

⁶ David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷ “Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ⁸ Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”

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Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

