

HIGH PERFORMANCE?



“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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘But the righteous man shall live by faith.’” Rom. 1:16-17

“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the Law.” Rom. 3:28

“Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.” Rom. 3:27

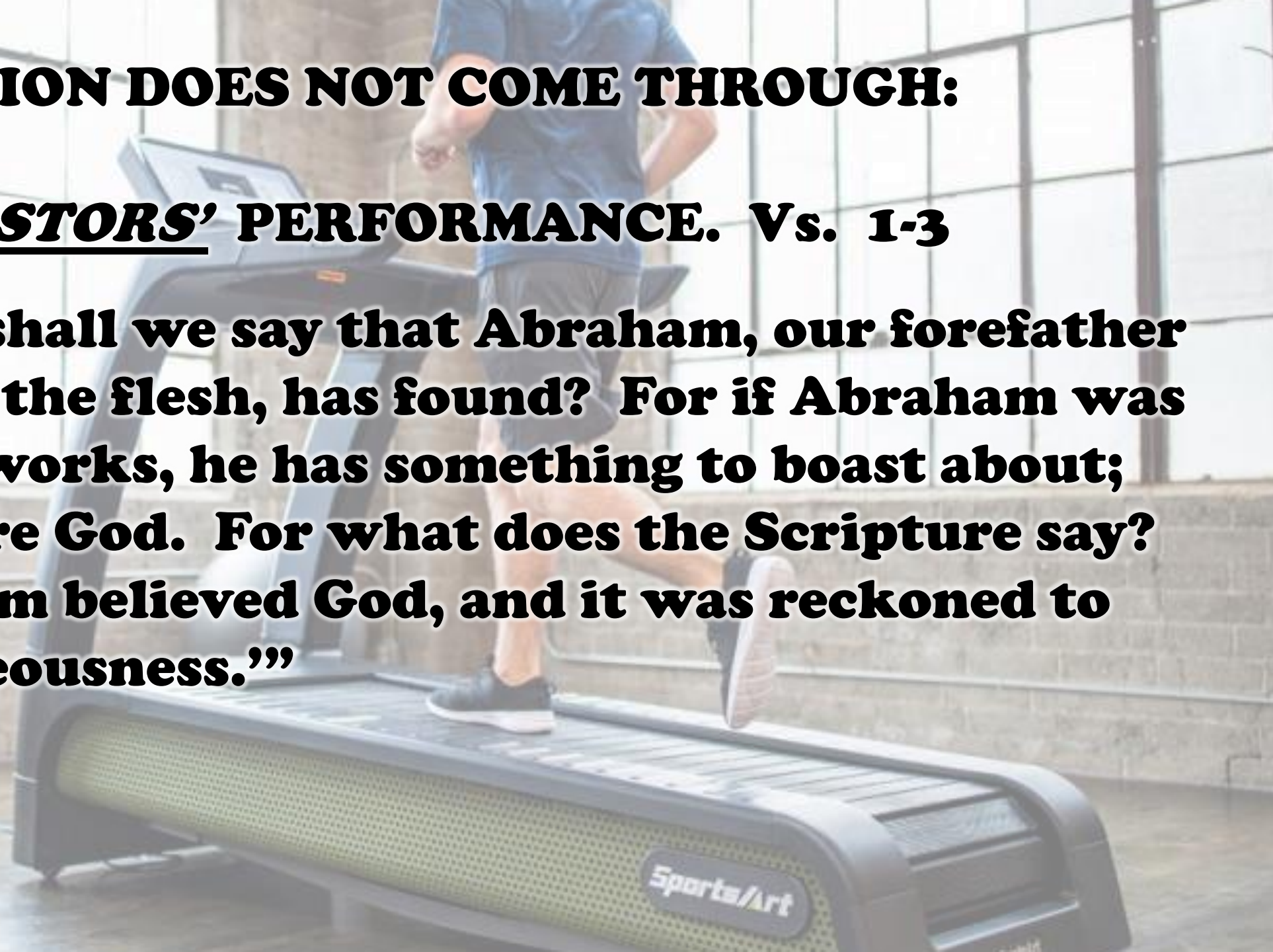




JUSTIFICATION DOES NOT COME THROUGH:

1. MY ANCESTORS' PERFORMANCE. Vs. 1-3

“What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? ‘And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’”



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2. MY WAGE PERFORMANCE. Vs. 4-5

“Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.”

“For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.” Heb. 10:10 (NLT)

“And if anyone’s name was not found in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Rev. 20:15

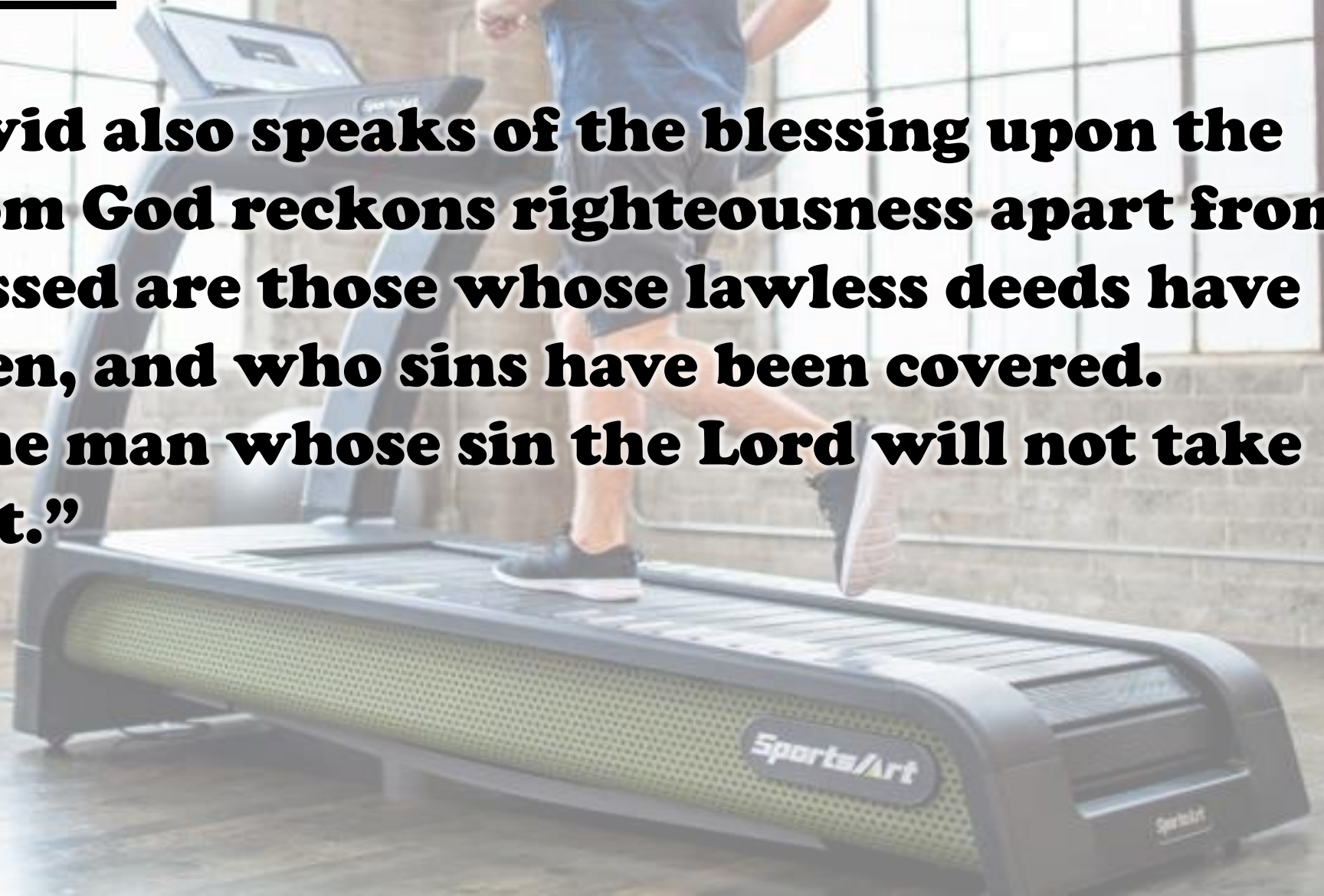
“Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ’s death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. Let me ask you this one question:....

“...Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?” Gal. 3:1-3 (NLT)

“So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.” Gal. 5:1 (NLT)

3. MY FUTURE PERFORMANCE. Vs. 6-8

“Just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.”



“And even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.” Acts 8:13

**“But Peter said to him, ‘May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right with God. Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.’”
Acts 8:20-23**

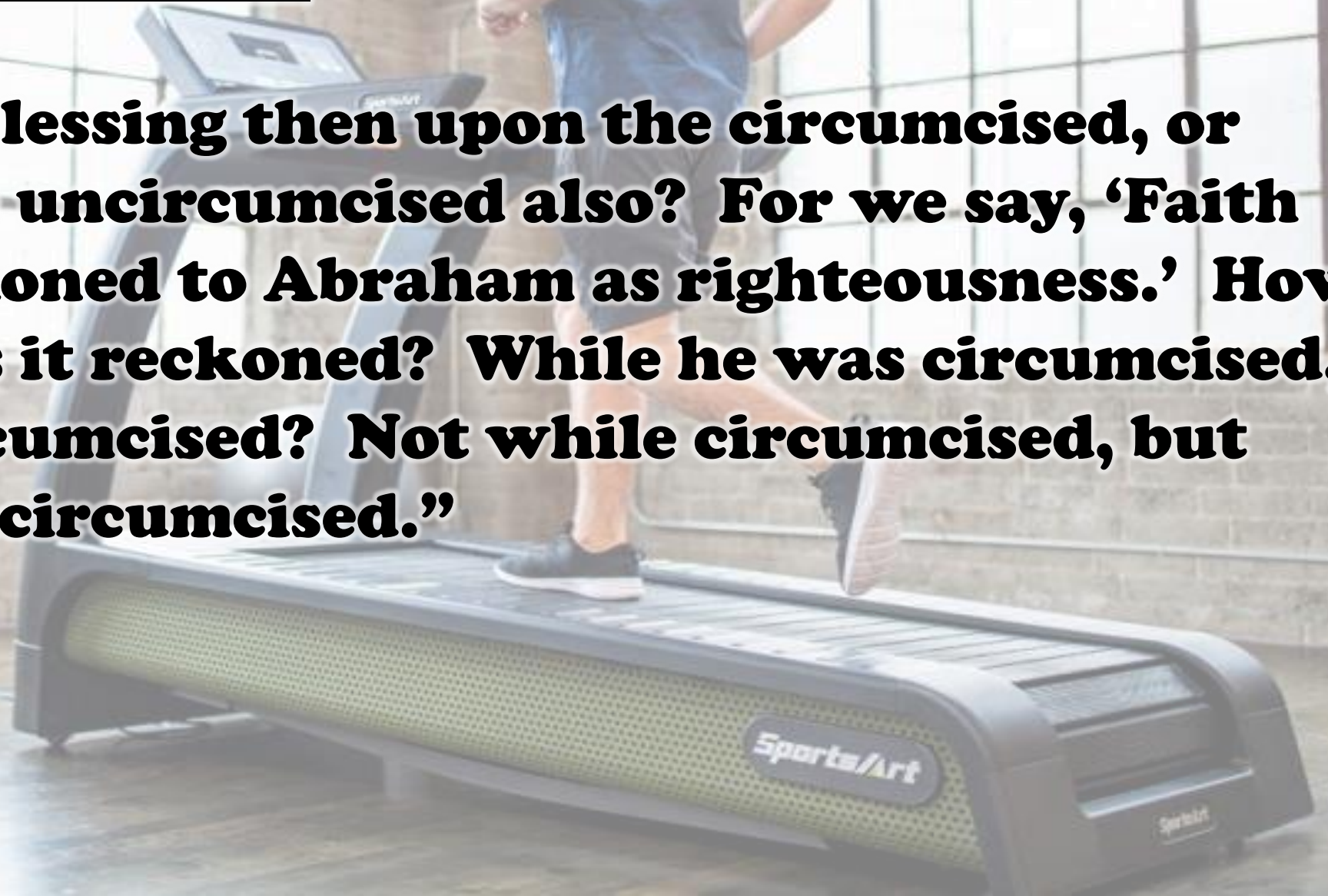
“This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind...and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.” Eph. 4:17-19

“Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry...and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.” Col. 3:5,7-8

“If any man’s work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.” 1 Cor. 3:14-15

4. MY RELIGIOUS PERFORMANCE. Vs. 9-10

“Is this blessing then upon the circumcised, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say, ‘Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.’ How then was it reckoned? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.”



APPLICATION FOR ME:

“And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them, and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.” vs. 11-12

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A person stands on a large, dark rock in the foreground, with their arms outstretched horizontally. The background features a vast landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic sky filled with large, dark clouds. A bright sunset or sunrise is visible, with a horizontal band of orange and red light breaking through the clouds. The overall mood is one of hope and triumph.

In Christ Alone ***(My Hope Is Found)***

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**In Christ alone
my hope is found,
He is my light,
my strength, my song**



**this cornerstone,
this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.**



**What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease.**

**My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand**



**In Christ alone,
who took on flesh,
fullness of God
in helpless Babe!**



**This gift of love
and righteousness,
scorned by the ones
He came to save,**



**‘Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live**



**There in the ground
His body lay,
Light of the world
by darkness slain;**



**then, bursting forth
in glorious day,
up from the grave
He rose again!**



**And as He stands, in victory,
sin's curse has lost
its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious
blood of Christ.**



**No guilt in life,
no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry
to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.**



**No power of hell,
no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me
from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ
I'll stand!**



