

Shovah

TSIDKENU

THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS



I. UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JEHOVAH TSIDKENU

TSIDKENU

"tsdek" in Hebrew

means: "stiff", "straight", or
"righteousness"

¹ “What sorrow awaits the leaders of my people—the shepherds of my sheep—for they have destroyed and scattered the very ones they were expected to care for,” says the Lord.

² Therefore, this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to these shepherds: “Instead of caring for my flock and leading them to safety, you have deserted them and driven them to destruction. Now I will pour out judgment on you for the evil you have done to them.

A. God's Judgement Against the Shepherds

Prophet Jeremiah lived through the reigns of Kings Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiachin, and **Zedekiah**

Zedekiah meant "The LORD is my Righteousness"

3 But I will gather together the remnant of my flock from the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their own sheepfold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number.

4 Then I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one will be lost or missing. I, the Lord, have spoken!

Jer 23: 3-4 (NLT)

⁵ "For the time is coming," says the Lord,
"when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line.

He will be a King who rules with wisdom.

He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

⁶ And this will be his name: '**The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**'

In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.

Jer 23: 5-6 (NLT)

B. God's Promise of a Righteous Branch

- From line of David
- Reign as Israel's Saviour King
- Rule with wisdom, restore justice
- Lead Israelites back to God
- Unite the divided nations into one





II. ACKNOWLEDGING JESUS AS THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH

A. Our Inability to Achieve Righteousness on our Own

- i. Problem of sin
- ii. Consequence of sin



Our sins create a chasm between us and a holy God



"All of us have become unclean, and all of our good deeds are filthy rags."

Isa 64:6

**"For all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God."**

Rom 3:23

A pair of hands, palms up, holding a small, rectangular block with the word "SIN" written on it in large, bold, black letters. The hands are positioned in the center-right of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled around the block. The background is a textured, light brown surface.

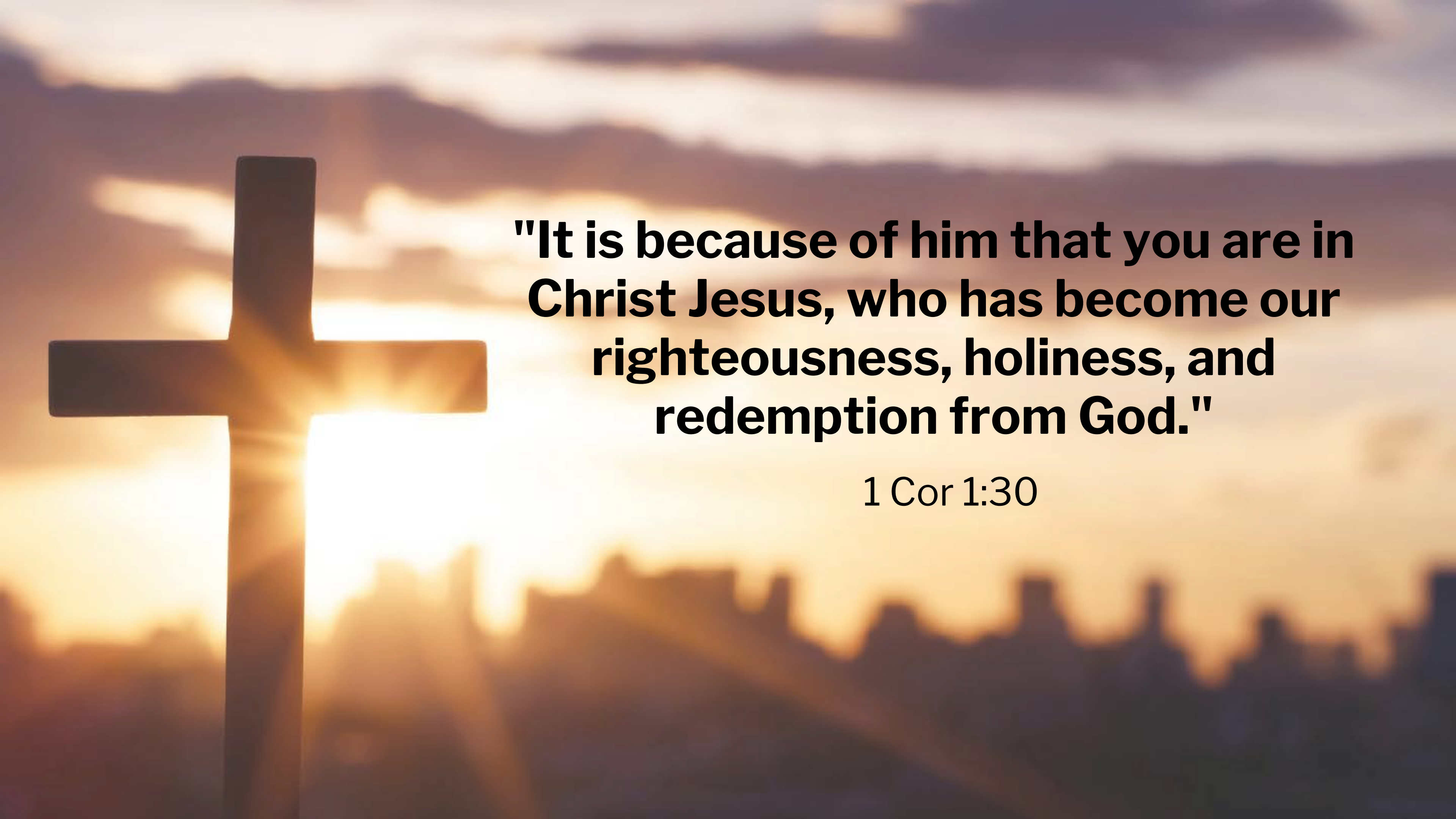
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"Only through Jesus, our King and Saviour,
can we experience God's
**incomprehensible love and grace and be
reconciled with Him.**"



B. Jesus our Righteousness

i. Jesus Christ our source of righteousness



**"It is because of him that you are in
Christ Jesus, who has become our
righteousness, holiness, and
redemption from God."**

1 Cor 1:30

JESUS

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Cor 5:21





B. Jesus our Righteousness

ii. We are Clothed in Jesus' Righteousness

"This righteousness is given through faith
in Jesus Christ to all who believe."

Rom 3:22



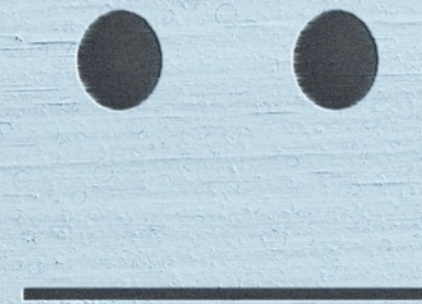


**III. PUTTING ON RIGHTEOUSNESS
IN OUR DAILY LIVING**



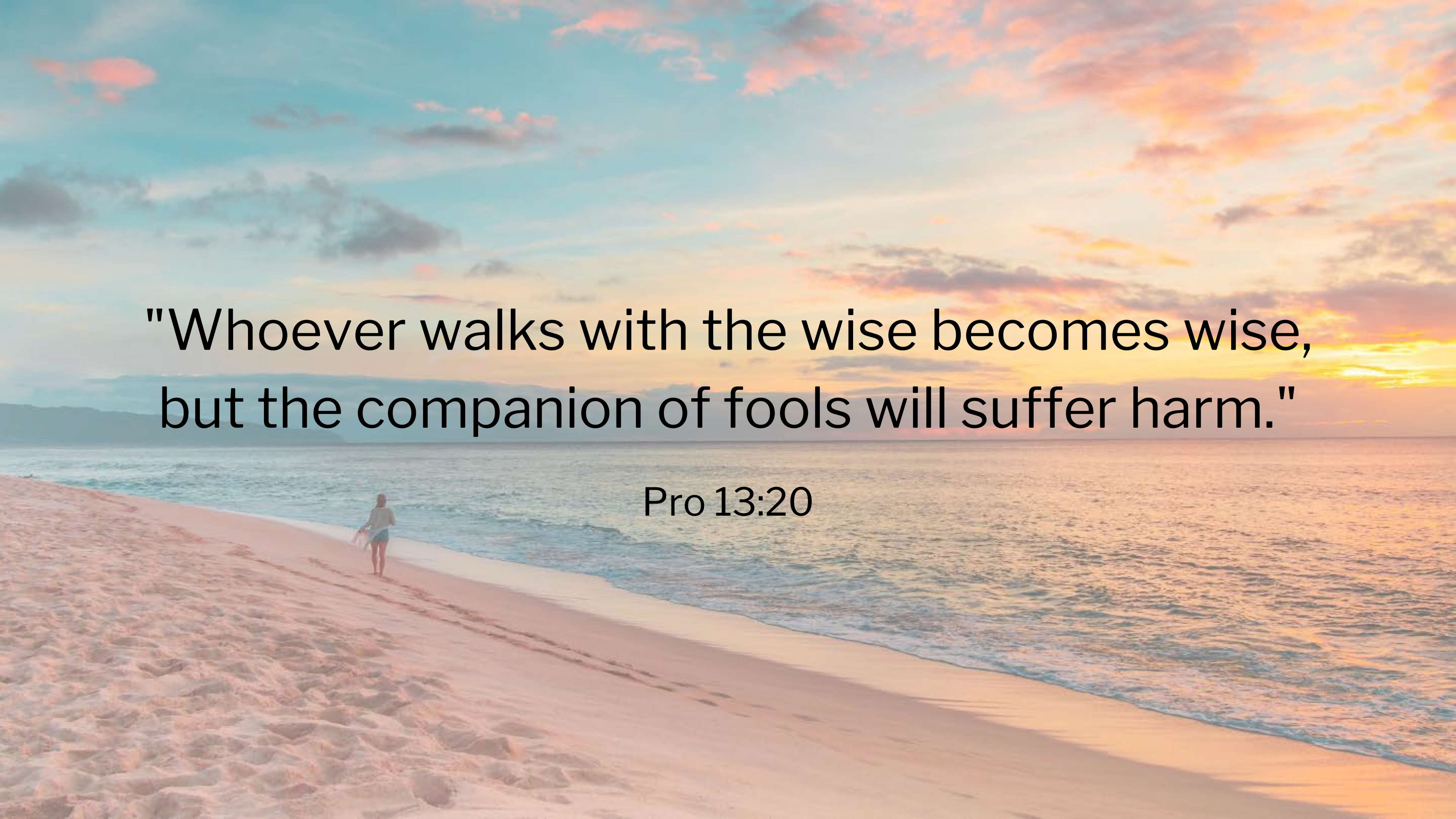
A. Walking in Righteousness

i. Surround ourselves with righteousness



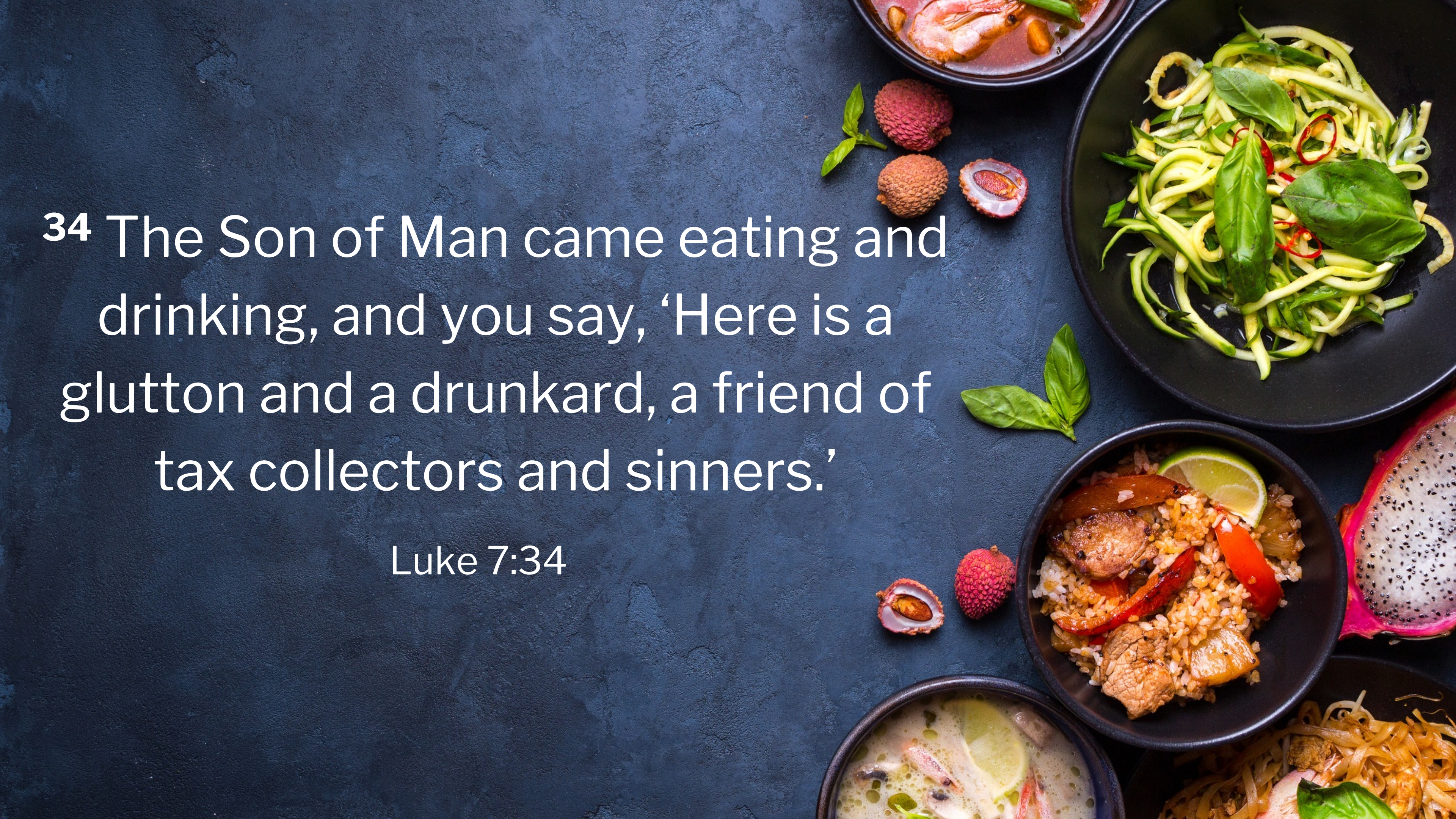
"Do not be deceived:
'Bad company ruins good morals.'"

1 Cor 15:33

A person is walking on a sandy beach at sunset. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The ocean is visible in the background, and the sun is setting on the horizon. The person is walking away from the camera towards the water.

"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm."

Pro 13:20

A top-down view of various Asian dishes including noodles, rice, and seafood on a dark blue background. The dishes are arranged in a circular pattern around the text. The top-left dish features shrimp in a red sauce. The top-right dish is a bowl of green noodles with basil and red chili. The middle-right dish is a bowl of rice with chicken, red bell pepper, and a lime wedge. The bottom-right dish is a bowl of yellow noodles with shrimp and basil. The bottom-left dish is a bowl of soup with shrimp and lime. There are also several whole and sliced lychees and a slice of dragon fruit scattered around the dishes.

34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’

Luke 7:34

We are to be mindful of ...

a. the direction and manner of the influence

- 01 In what ways are my friends influencing me?
- 02 In what ways am I influencing them?
- 03 Do I compromise on God's standards through my speech or actions when I am around them?

We are to be mindful of ...

- a. the direction and manner of the influence
- b. our mission to carry out God's presence
wherever we go, to whomever we meet



A. Walking in Righteousness

ii. Exercise discernment to avoid negative influences

"Abstain from every form of evil."

1 The 5:22





"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night."

Ps 1:1-2



B. Receiving God's Blessings

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they shall be...

Mt 5:6

Satisfied





B. Receiving God's Blessings

i. Reserved for those who pursue righteousness



"For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you
cover him with favour as with a shield."

Ps 5:12



B. Receiving God's Blessings

ii. We experience fulfilment and satisfaction



"And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever."

Isa 32:17



B. Receiving God's Blessings

iii. We find comfort and stability in God's presence

“Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges!”

2 Cor 5:17, MSG

START LINE
of NEW LIFE



Application

1. Embrace Christ's Righteousness Through Faith
2. Seek Righteousness in our Actions, Thoughts, and Speech
3. Reflect God's Righteousness in Relationships