

# GALATIANS

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*Galatians 3:3-4*

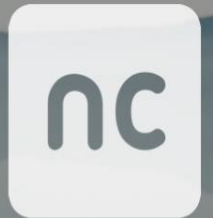
*Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit,  
are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did  
you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it  
was in vain?*



## *Galatians 3:5-7*

*So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.*

The way we grow in the Christian life is the same way we began the Christian life.



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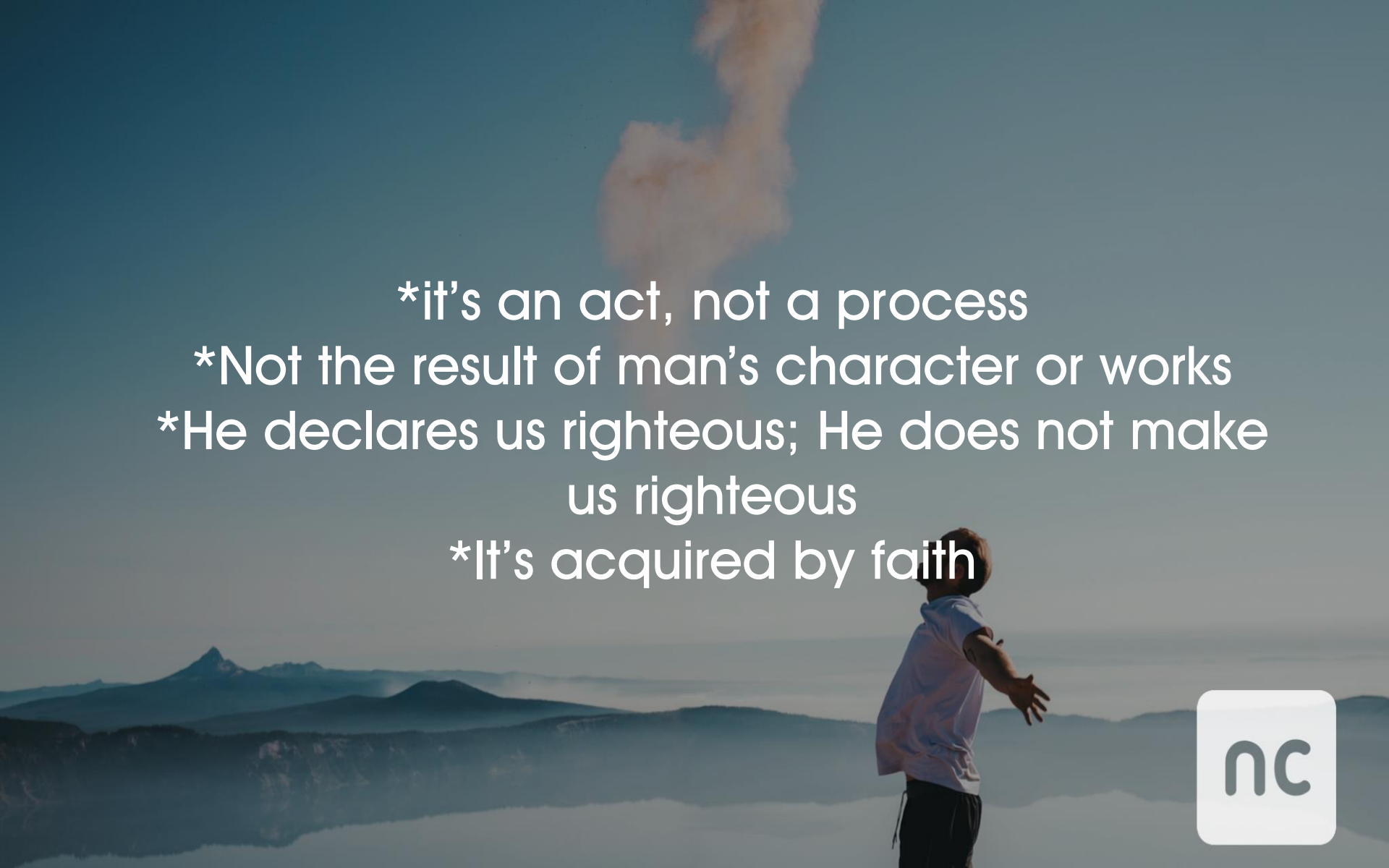
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**Justification:**  
The act of God whereby He declares the  
believing sinner righteous in Jesus Christ.

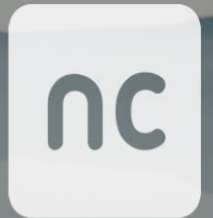




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- \*it's an act, not a process
  - \*Not the result of man's character or works
  - \*He declares us righteous; He does not make us righteous
  - \*It's acquired by faith



*did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?*



*Romans 8:11*

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*



*Philippians 1:6*

*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

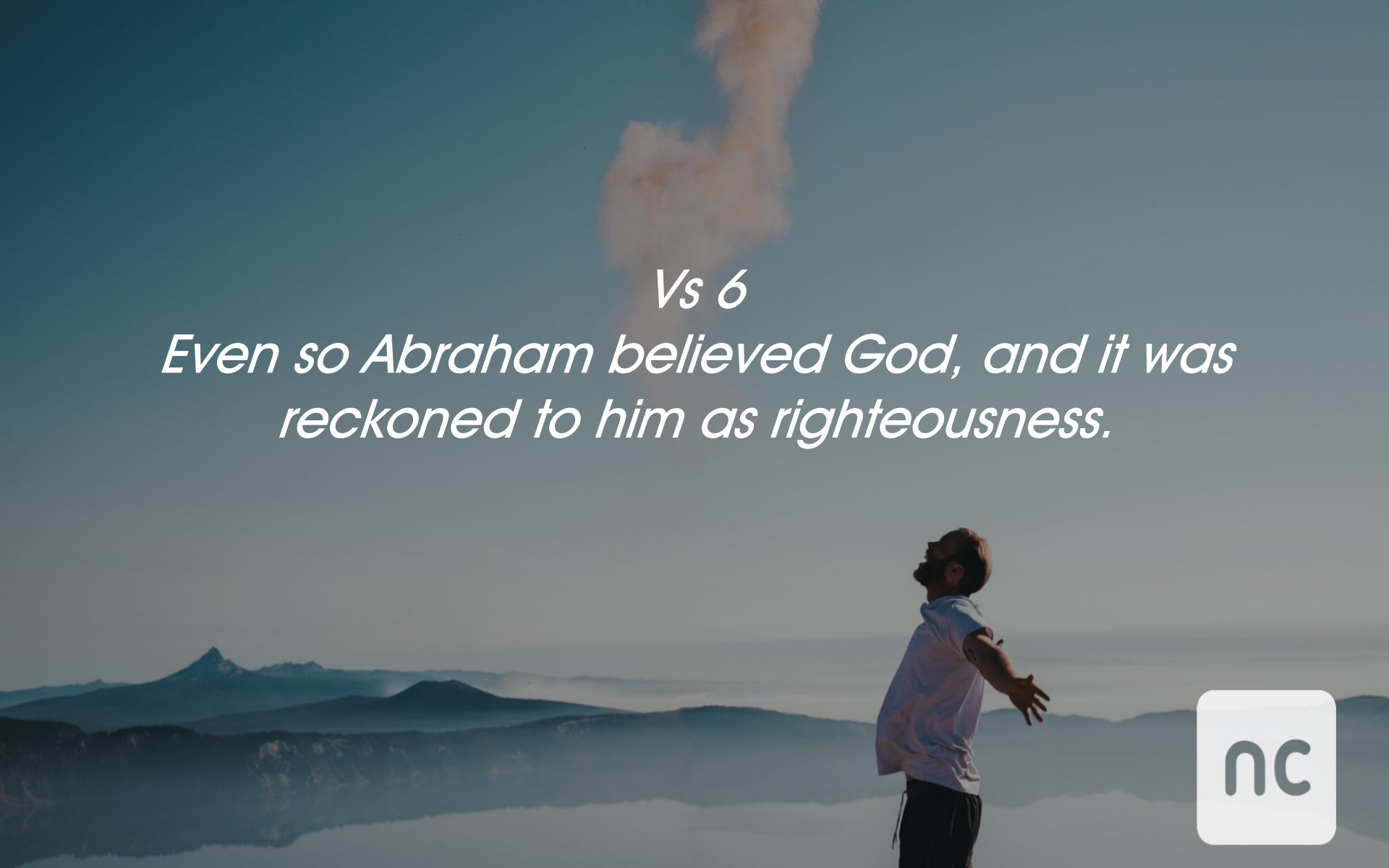


*Galatians 2:20*

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*

*The irony of the Christian life is that the only ones who get better are those who recognize that their acceptance before God is not conditioned on their getting better!*





*Vs 6*

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*When Abraham believed God...  
Two things happened.*

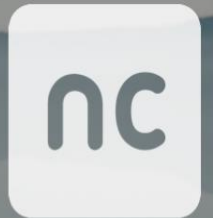




*1. He was counted righteous*



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- 2. His old body was given the ability to reproduce*

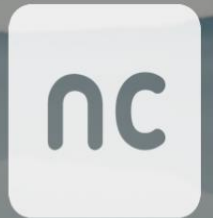


*John 15:5*

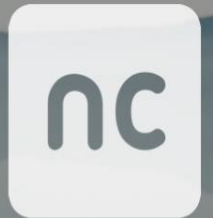
*I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*



*Why is it so easy to go toward the “Law”?*



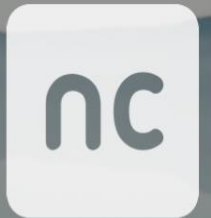
*a. The flesh loves to be “religious”*



*Jesus doesn't discriminate between good  
and bad people, instead He  
discriminates but between proud people  
and humble people*

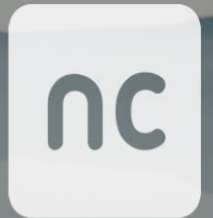


*b. Righteousness based on 'law'  
gives us a basis to compare  
ourselves with others*





*Religion presumes to work for the favor of God, while life in Christ works from favor that's already been given by God freely in Christ.*



*Proverbs 24:16*  
*For a righteous man falls seven times,*  
*and rises again*

