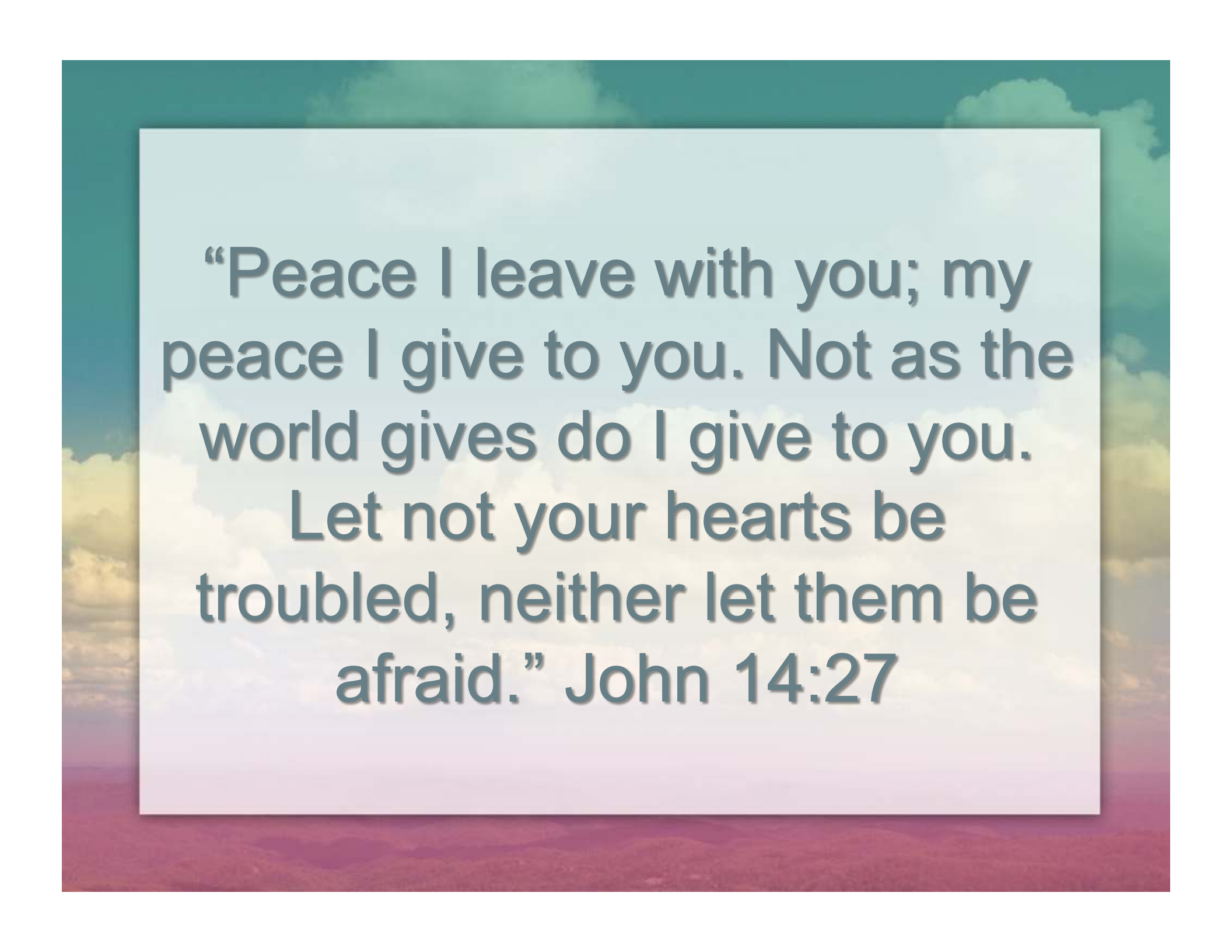




HE CAME IN PEACE



**What robs you  
of your peace?**

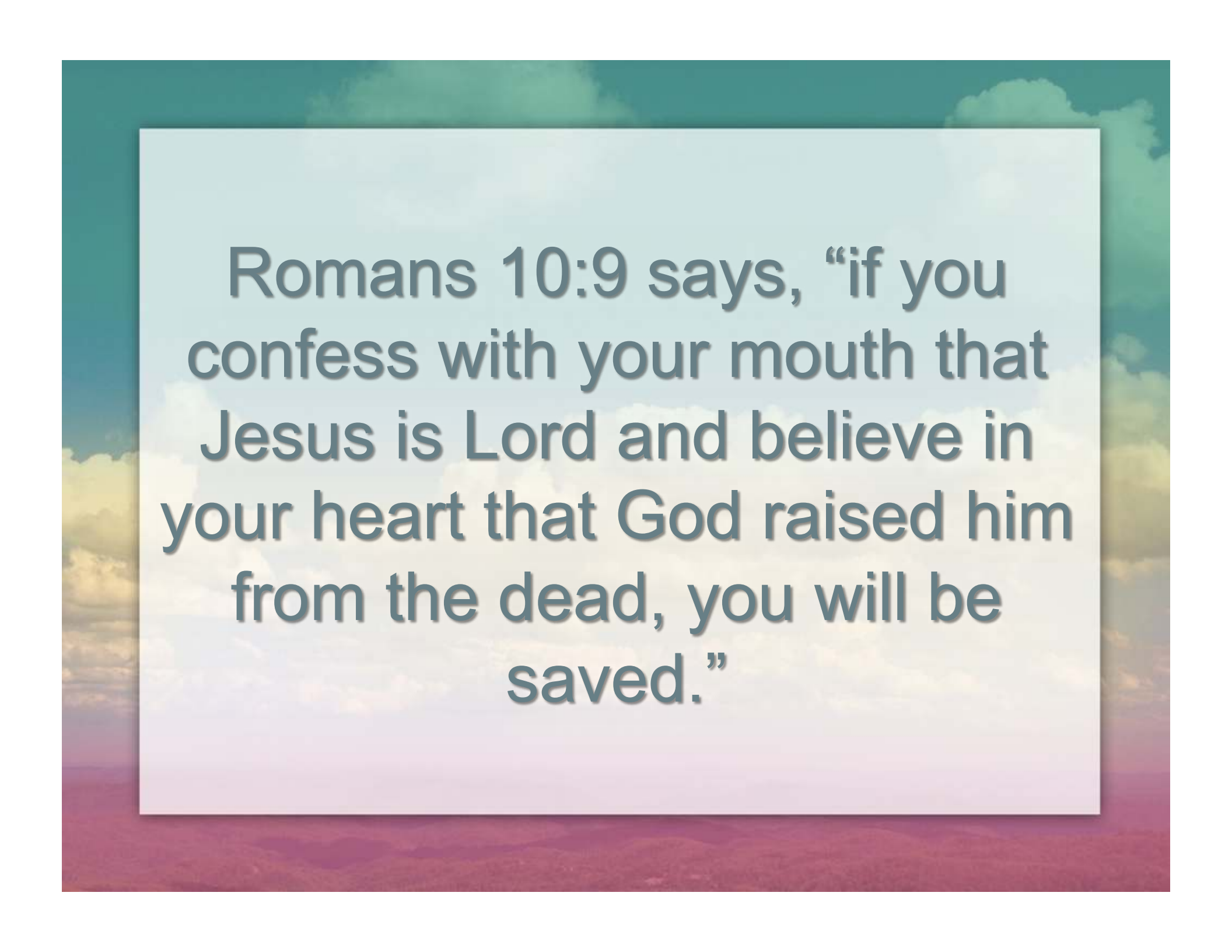


**“Peace I leave with you; my  
peace I give to you. Not as the  
world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be  
troubled, neither let them be  
afraid.” John 14:27**

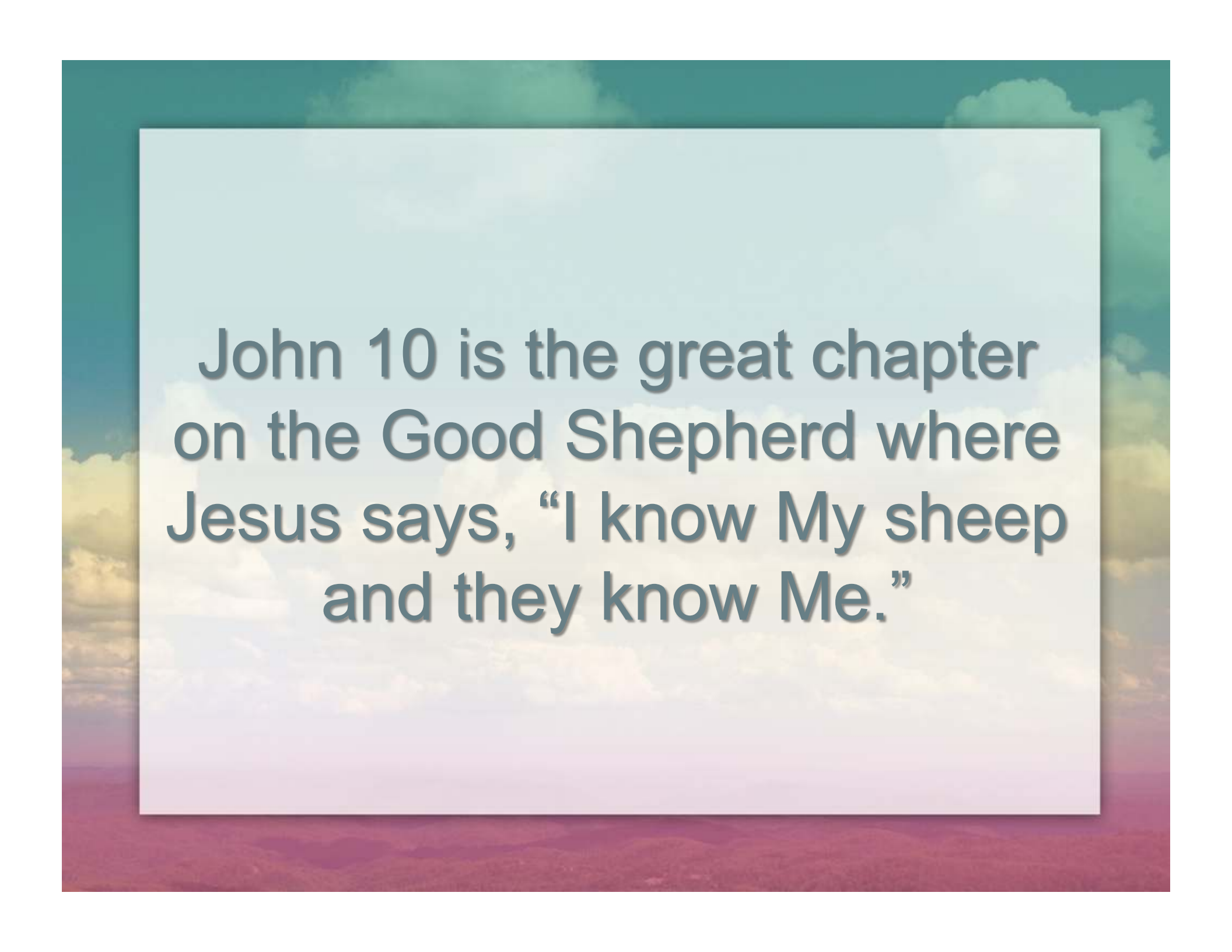


# He Came Back in Power

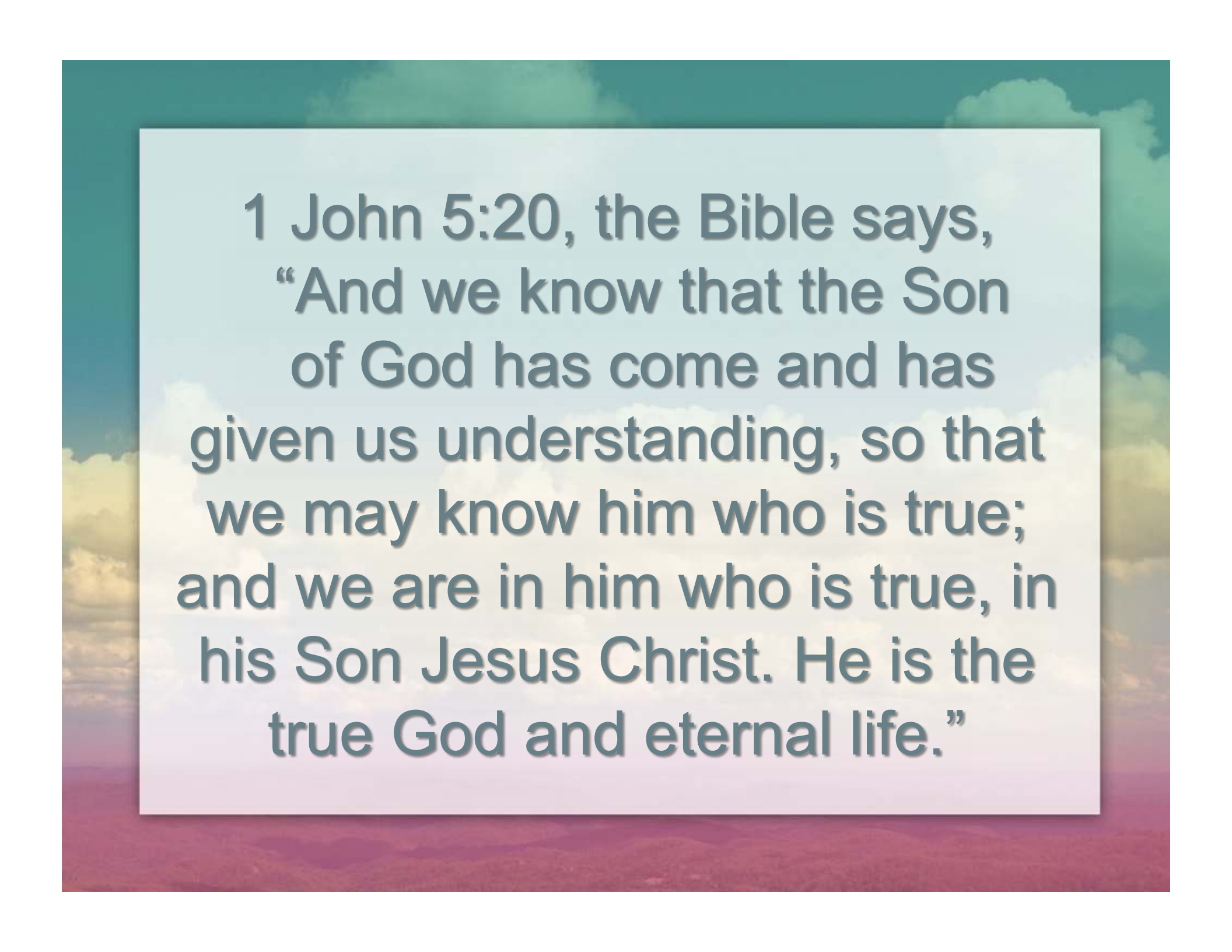
Philippians 3:8-10

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Romans 10:9 says, “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”



John 10 is the great chapter  
on the Good Shepherd where  
Jesus says, “I know My sheep  
and they know Me.”



1 John 5:20, the Bible says,  
“And we know that the Son  
of God has come and has  
given us understanding, so that  
we may know him who is true;  
and we are in him who is true, in  
his Son Jesus Christ. He is the  
true God and eternal life.”



**Knowing Christ IS  
Knowing His Power!**

# Philippians 3:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

## Philippians 3:8-10

<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

# Philippians 3:8-10

<sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,  
(English Standard Version)



# Knowing Him is...

## ... more than knowing about Him!

- To know (*in verse 10*) means “to know by experience.” (8b-9)
- Paul’s deep desire here is an on going, daily experience with God.



# Knowing Him is...

## ... more than knowing about Him!

- Are we living in the last days that Paul describes in 2 Timothy 3:1-7?
- What does he say people will be like?

# Believing in Him is...

## ...believing in His power!

Ephesians 1:18 – 2:10

*“the immeasurable greatness of his power  
toward us who believe” (v 18)*

*“that he worked in Christ when he raised  
him from the dead” (v 19)*

*“seated him at his right hand” (v 19)*

Believing in Him is...  
...believing in His power!

Ephesians 1:18 – 2:10

God *“raised us up with him and seated us with him”* (v 6)

*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works”* (v 10)



Believing in Him is...

...believing in His power!

Most of us believe in the  
power that raised Christ  
from the grave, but do we  
believe that same power  
can transform our life?

# To share His sufferings is... ...more than suffering in this life!

- God uses difficult times and circumstances to conform us to the image of His Son! This glorifies Him!
- 2 Corinthians 4:7-11
- Light is only able to shine forth from a pot that is broken!





# Becoming like Him is...

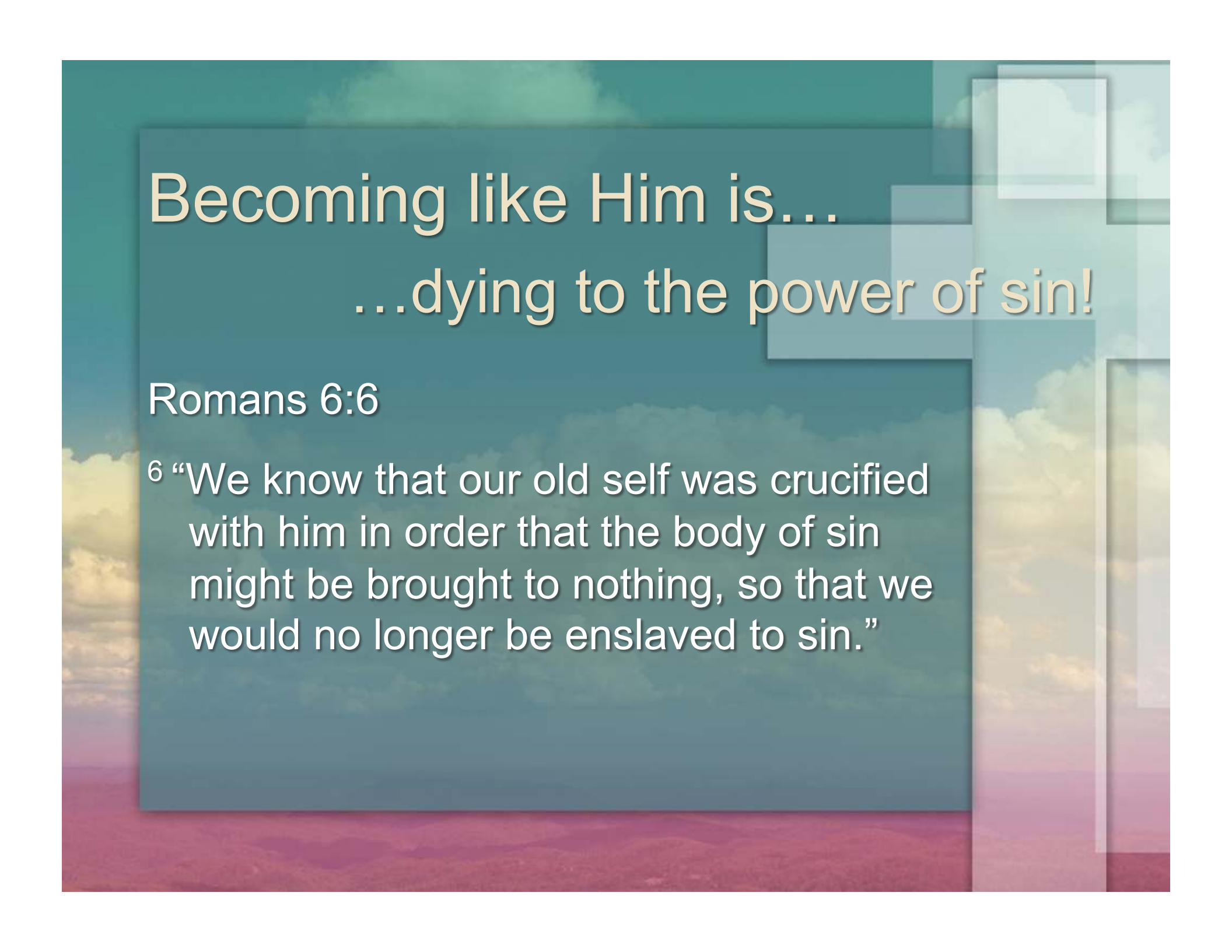
## ...dying to the power of sin!

- The phrase “becoming like him” is unique. It has a special meaning of “being conformed inwardly in one’s experience to something,” in this case, Christ’s death.

Becoming like Him is...  
...dying to the power of sin!

Philippians 3:20-21

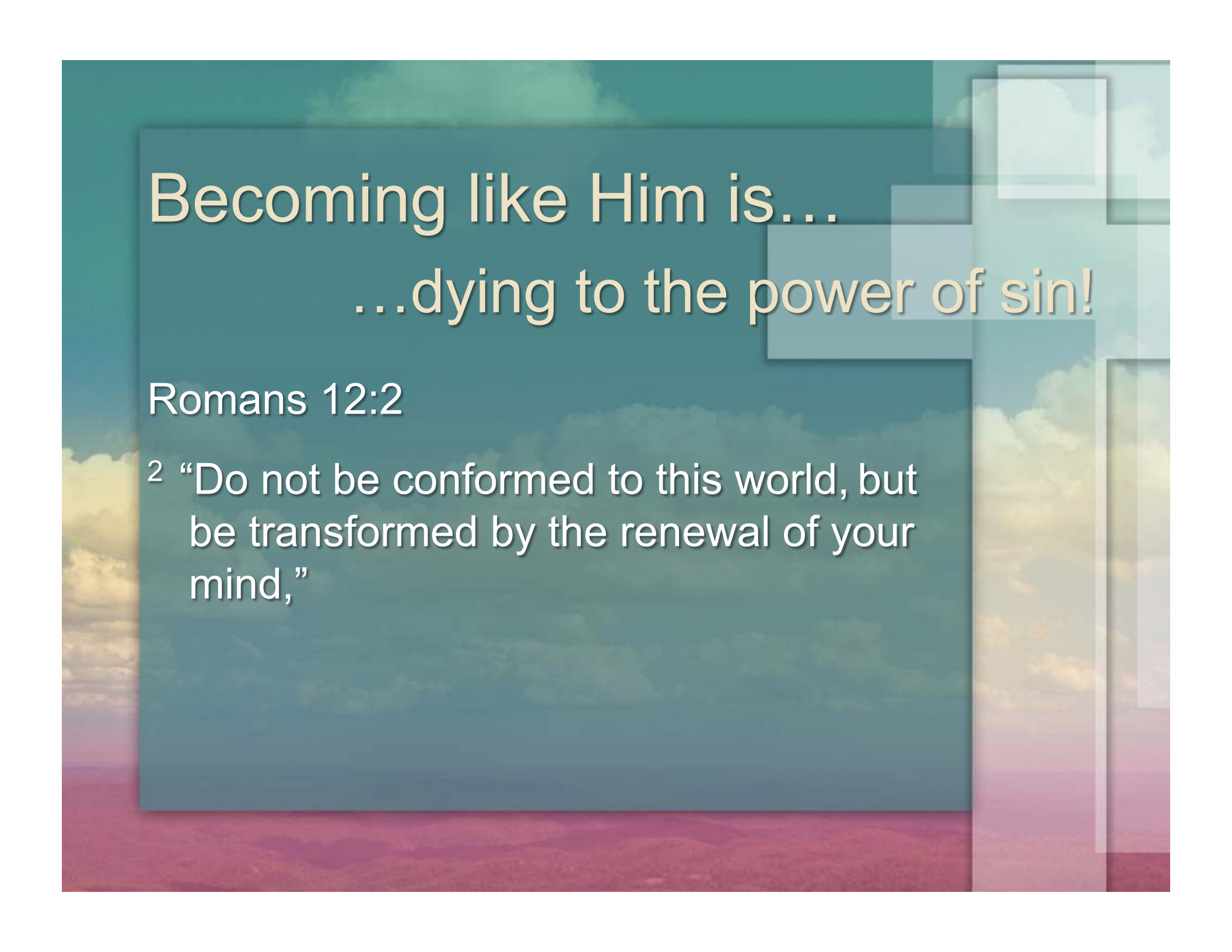
<sup>20</sup> “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”



Becoming like Him is...  
...dying to the power of sin!

Romans 6:6

<sup>6</sup> “We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”



Becoming like Him is...  
...dying to the power of sin!

Romans 12:2

<sup>2</sup> “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,”



To know Him is...

...to want to know Him more!

“If in this life only we have  
hope in Christ, we are of all  
men most miserable.”

1 Corinthians 15:19