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# Understanding Righteousness:



## The key to being free in God

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Previously on..

To love deep repentance you need to understand:

- 1) The source of your righteousness
- 2) Repentance is not only dealing with external sins, but “emptying the heart” of idols



# Righteousness





Righteousness:

With God our righteousness does not equal:

- 100% without sin, but rather,
- 100% accepted






Righteousness:

What makes you righteous before God?  
Why does God accept you?



A person in a red jacket and blue pants is jumping over a large rock crevice. The background is a warm, orange-hued sunset sky. The scene is framed by dark, rugged rock formations on the left and right sides.

"You have  
**GREATNESS**  
within you!!!"

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Love  
unconditionally, but  
rely only on  
yourself.

*Marty Rubin*

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I AM THE MASTER  
OF MY FATE:  
I AM THE CAPTAIN  
OF MY SOUL.

BY WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY



(Php 3:2) Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

(Php 3:3) For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

(Php 3:4) though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

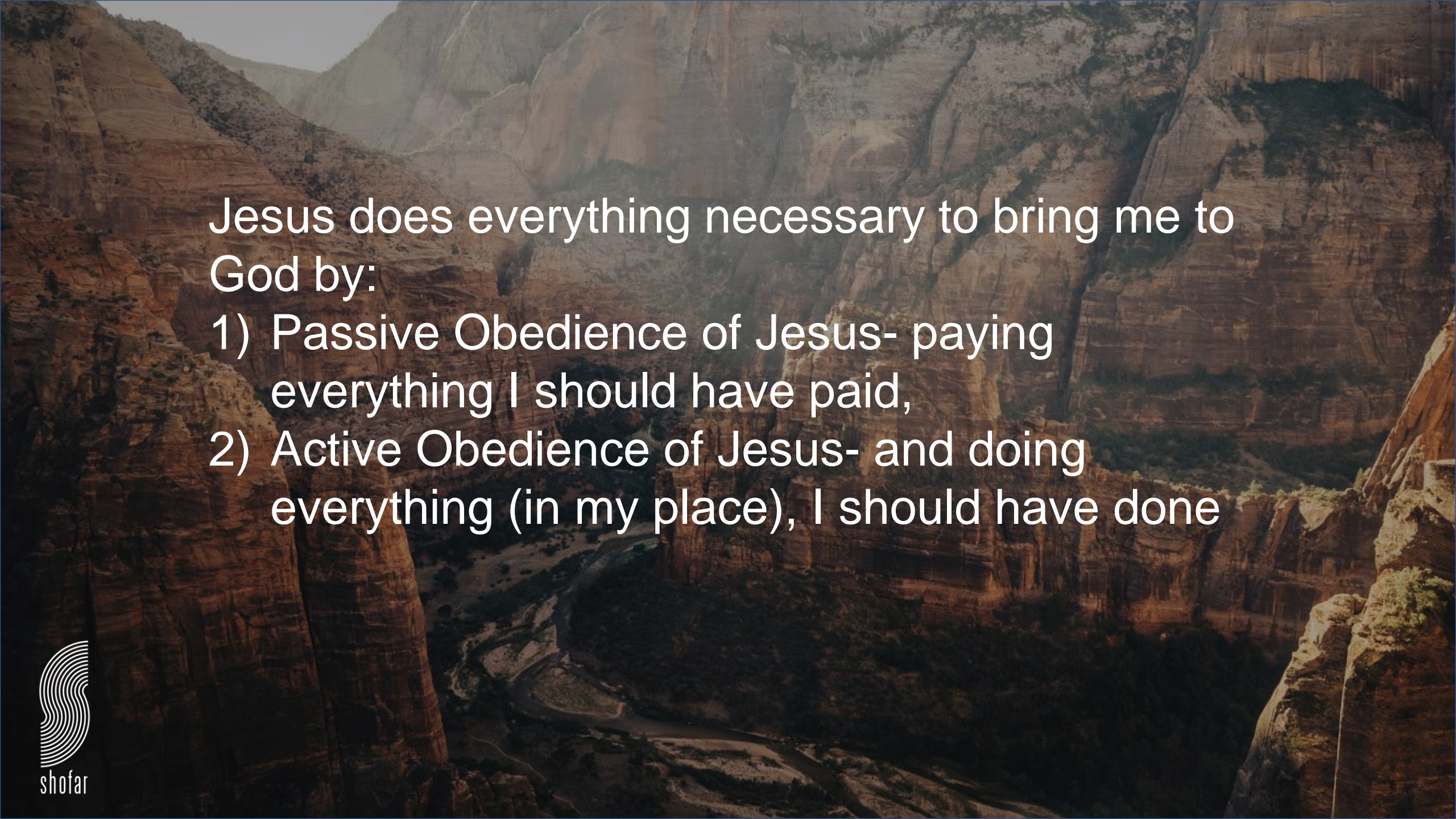


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(Php 3:7) But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.



(Php 3:8) 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 (Php 3:9) 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.

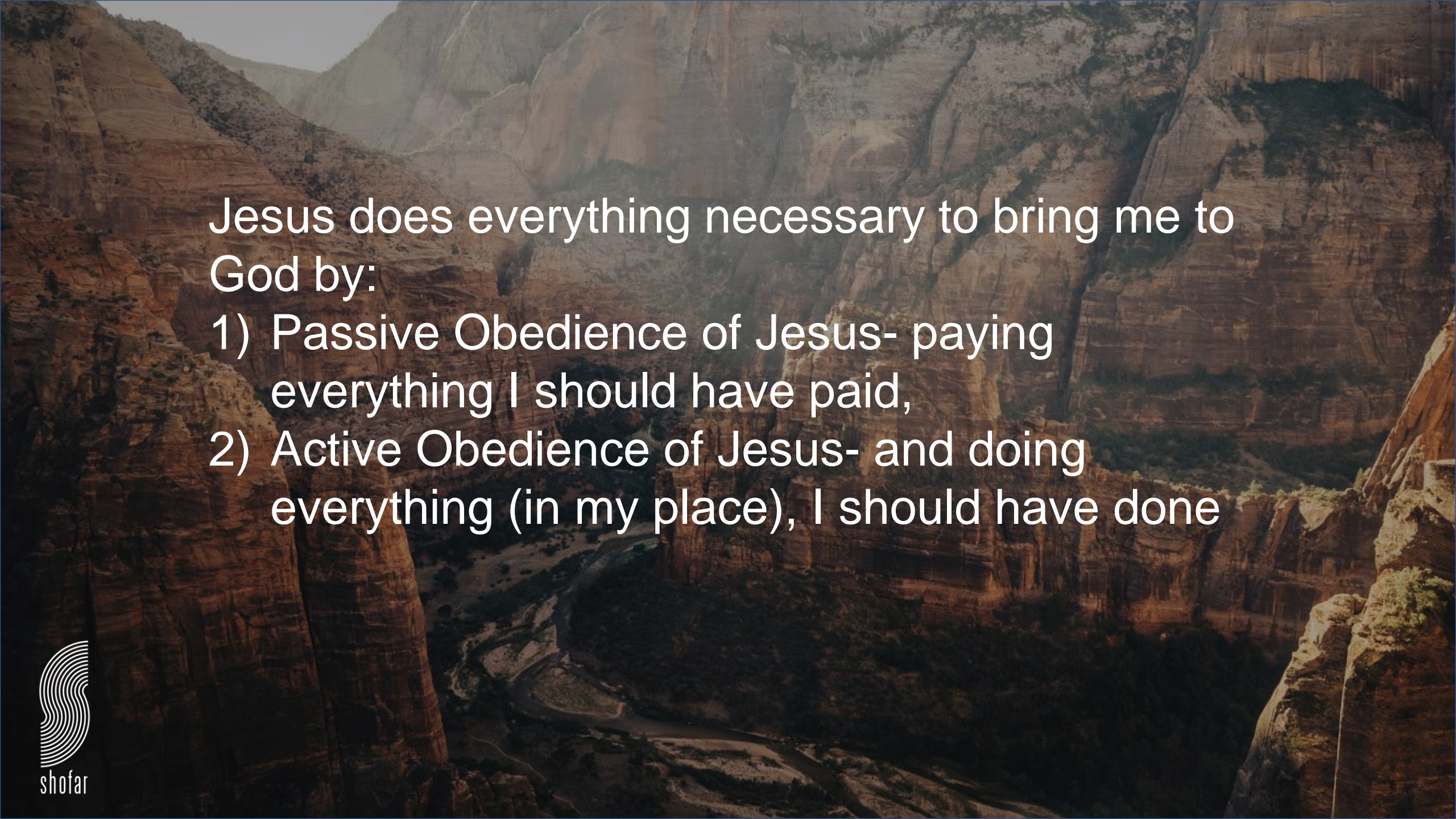




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- 1) paying everything I should have paid,
- 2) and doing everything (in my place), I should  
have done





Jesus does everything necessary to bring me to God by:

- 1) Passive Obedience of Jesus- paying everything I should have paid,
- 2) Active Obedience of Jesus- and doing everything (in my place), I should have done



# The passive obedience of Jesus

(Eph 2:8) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

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(Isa 53:5) But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

(Isa 53:6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



**Passive  
obedience**

## Man Focused Righteousness

Mutilate the flesh: Physically  
“Circumcise” yourself to pay  
for your sins (Phil 3:2)

## The Gospel (Gods Righteousness)

Freely receive God’s  
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Spirit , Through the Death of  
Jesus (Eph 2:8)



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## Passive and Active Obedience of Christ:

(Rom 5:18) Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

(Rom 5:19) For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.



**Passive  
obedience**

**Active  
obedience**



Man Focused Righteousness	The Gospel (Gods Righteousness)
Mutilate the flesh: Physically “Circumcise” yourself to pay for your sins (earn forgiveness)	Receive God’s Forgiveness (Justification) in the Spirit , Through the Death of Jesus
Mutilate the heart: as you try to earn God’s favour by building or relying on your own a “moral record”, it breaks you (Rom 10:3)	I am favoured by God because of the righteousness of Jesus. I no longer rely on my own life, but I receive the sinless life of Jesus as my own (Phil 3:9)





# Understanding Righteousness: The key to being free in God

1. I am free from the burden to pay  
for my own sins



# Understanding Righteousness: The key to being free in God

1. I am free from the burden to pay for my own sins
2. I am free to live for Jesus without the fear of failing or letting God down. Since it is not my life that makes me righteous, but the life of Jesus



(Heb 4:10) for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

(Heb 4:11) Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

(Heb 4:16) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.