

## **Doctrinal Studies**

### **Imputation**

Job 9:2 "How can a man be just with God?" Can God be just and righteous, and yet justify a guilty sinner? God says that man is the sinner. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

For those who enter heaven –

1. There must be righteousness, for "The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God." I Corinthians 6:9
2. There **MUST BE HOLINESS**, for "without holiness no man shall see God." Hebrews 12:14

Eleven times in Romans 4, the Apostle Paul uses the word that is translated "impute", "count" and "reckon". There are at least five major imputations in the Word of God.

1. Imputed Sin
2. Imputed Sins
3. Imputed Judgment
4. Imputed Death
5. Imputed Righteousness

The study of the Bible Doctrine of Imputation is vital to a proper and adequate understanding if many questions that arise concerning sin, salvation, forgiveness, eternal life, etc. Any theory or doctrine of salvation that is not consistent with the doctrine of imputation falls short of the gospel of the GRACE OF GOD.

**IMPUTED SIN:** Adam's **FIRST SIN** is imputed to the whole race.

Romans 5:15 By one man's trespass, many died.

Romans 5:17 By one man's offense, death reigned.

Romans 5:18 By the offense of one, judgment came upon all men.

Romans 5:19 By one man's disobedience, many were made (constituted) sinners.

These verses show that in a definite judicial sense, man is a sinner first of all NOT because of what he does, but because of WHAT HE IS.

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IMPUTATION: Man is born a sinner. In Egypt, every Israelite baby was born a slave to the Egyptians. In the old days of slavery in America, every baby born of slave parents was born a slave.

When the Federal Government, in 1941, declared war on Germany and Japan, every American citizen, man, woman, and child were immediately and automatically constituted an enemy of Germany and Japan. Likewise, when Adam, the federal head of the human race, sinned against God, his sin was judicially imputed to the whole race.

In Psalms 51:5 David said, "In sin did my mother conceive me." Not that David's parents were sinning at his conception, but that David was born into a state of sin that had engulfed and embraced the entire race. Adam's first sin so affected the race that every child of man is constituted a sinner the moment of birth.

Of course, this does not entail guilt. We suffer the consequence of Adam's sin under the law of cause and effect, but that does not make us guilty; you cannot transfer guilt. Guilt implies moral responsibility, and when Adam sinned, we were not in existence.

In the lake of fire, the second death, lost sinners will be punished for their own rejection; judged according to their deeds. Revelation 20:12-13

OUR SINS IMPUTED TO CHRIST: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. I Cor. 15:3

Substitutionary atonement is the grand theme of the Bible from beginning to end. In Isaiah 53, there are not less than seven direct references to the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross.

#### Isaiah 53:

1. HE WAS WOUNDED for our transgressions
2. HE WAS BRUISED for our iniquities
3. The LORD had LAID ON HIM the iniquity of us all
4. For the transgression of my people WAS HE STRICKEN
5. Thou shalt MAKE HIS SOUL an offering for sin
6. HE SHALL BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES
7. He bare the sin of many

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Our sins are imputed to Christ. They are charged to Him! The OT abounds in types, pictures and offerings all pointing to the death of the Lord Jesus Christ as the sacrifice for sin. II Cor. 5:21; I Peter 2:24

IMPUTED JUDGMENT: John 3:14-15 "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life".

Why a SERPENT? And why BRASS? Numbers 21:8-9 Because the serpent represents the CURSE, and the Lord Jesus Christ was made a curse for us. And BRASS speaks of God's judgment against sin. Gal. 3:10-13

God has made Christ to be sin (sin offering) for us. II Cor. 5:21 The Lord Jesus has borne the judgment of God against sin, and therefore He promises that those who believe in Him as Savior shall not come into judgment, but have passed out of death into life. John 5:24

IMPUTED DEATH: when Jesus died on the cross, He was not dying His death, HE WAS DYING OUR DEATH! His death is imputed to us. We are given credit for having died to sin in Him. Romans 6:11; Romans 7:4; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:5; Col 3:1

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPUTED TO THE BELIEVER: Rom. 3:21-28

Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Compare Rom. 4:3 and Gen. 15:6. Abraham was "saved on credit", as all OT saints were saved. Rom. 3:25

Righteousness is a FREE GIFT through faith; believing in Him justified the ungodly; our faith is counted (imputed) for righteousness. Romans 4:5; 5:17

God's righteousness, which is by faith, is contrasted to man's righteousness, which is BY WORKS. Romans 9:30 – 10:10

This is where many fail.....they do not see that Christ Himself is our righteousness and our sanctification. I Cor. 1:30; Jer.23: 5-6; II Cor.5:21; John 5:24; Rom. 11:6; John 1:12-13

On the cross, Jesus bore the wrath of God and suffered the punishment for our sins that we would have suffered in the lake of fire, had we not received Him as our personal Savior. He paid for our sins on the cross, not by what man did to HIM, but by WHAT GOD DID TO HIM. Psalms 69:26; Psalms 88:7,16