

IMPUTATION

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The Bible teaches 3 significant imputations:

1. ADAM's SIN has been imputed to THE HUMAN RACE.
2. ADAM's RACE's SIN has been imputed to CHRIST.
3. CHRIST's RIGHTEOUSNESS is imputed to BELIEVERS.

I. ADAM's SIN has been imputed to THE HUMAN RACE. [*This is OUR DEBT*]

- Romans 5:12-14
 - Adam is our FEDERAL HEAD.
(All of us has been born in him!)
 - Adam SINNED and received HIS sins' consequences.
(We all SIN and receive OUR sins' consequences.)
 - Adam DIED. (Spiritually. Physically. Eternally)
(We ALL die. Spiritually. Physically. Eternally.)
 - Adam's ORIGINAL SIN is THE ROOT of ALL of OUR
PERSONAL SINS ... the FRUIT!
 - WE ALL are DECLARED to be SINNERS because we are IN ADAM.
(This declaring, in a general sense, happened pre-Law.
Before there were specific Mosaic Law violations,
persons sinned ... as evidenced by them DYING.)
- Romans 3:9-18
 - Jew or Gentile, ALL persons are UNDER sin because we ALL
are IN ADAM.

- Jew or Gentile, ALL persons and UNDER the Law; we're ALL GUILTY before Holy God; God's LAW REVEALS this.

II. ADAM's RACE's SIN has been imputed to CHRIST. [*This is CHRIST's PAYMENT*]

- 1 John 2:1-2
 - The sinner's debt has been imputed / reckoned to Christ AND Christ has FULLY PAID OFF ALL of the debt! ("propitiation")
- Isaiah 53:1-6
 - It was predicted that CHRIST would be our SIN-BEARER.
- Leviticus 16:5-30
 - Israel's scapegoat was a foreshadowing of our sin's being imputed to CHRIST.
- 2 Corinthians 5:20-21
 - Our RECONCILIATION to God is ONLY possible because of IMPUTATION: The imputation of OUR SINS onto CHRIST AND the imputation of CHRIST's RIGHTEOUSNESS onto US!
- 1 Peter 2:21-25
 - Christ is the believer's SIN BEARER. HE carried our sin ON HIMSELF. OUR SINS were PLACE ONTO Christ ... WITHOUT making CHRIST to be A SINNER!
- 1 Peter 3:18
 - CHRIST is the believer's SIN SUBSTITUTE.
He DIED the death which WE ALL deserved to die.
Being JUST, He died INSTEAD OF THE UNJUST, ALL of us.
He died INSTEAD of us to PAY FOR USs.
YET, at the same time, WE died WITH Christ. (Gal.2:20)

Biblical Synonymous Terms for Imputation of our sins onto the Lord Jesus Christ:

- He bore our griefs. (Isaiah 53:4A)
- He carried our sorrows. (Isaiah 53:4B)
- He was pierced through for our transgressions.
(Isaiah 53:5A)
- God has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)
- He made Him to be sin. (2 Cor.5:21)
- He bore our sins. (1 Peter 2:24)

III. CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS is imputed to BELIEVERS. [This is *CHRIST'S GIFT*]

- ILLUSTRATION - A scholarship monetary gift being credited to a student's account at the College.
- Romans 3:21-22
 - FAITH in Christ BRINGS God's righteousness.
- Philippians 3:8-9
 - FAITH in Christ BRINGS God's righteousness.
- 1 Corinthians 1:30-31
 - CHRIST BECOMES the believer's righteousness.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - FAITH in Christ BRINGS God's righteousness.
- Hebrews 9:11-14
 - CHRIST: A SINLESS Substitute.
- Hebrews 10:10-14
 - CHRIST: A SACRIFICED Substitute.

In ADAM, by BIRTH, we WERE declared to be SINNERS. (Unrighteous)

In CHRIST, by RE-BIRTH, we ARE declared to be SAINTS. (Righteous)

Discussion Questions

1. How would you explain to a child how all of us are or were "in Adam"?
2. How would you explain to a child what it means that a believer is "in Christ"?
3. Answer the often-asked question: *Why do bad things happen to good people?* What does the question assume?" Is that assumption biblically and theologically right? Why?