

Key Words of the Christian Life

Imputation: God Credits Our Account

Romans 4:1-8

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Romans 4:1-8 “What then shall we say that Abraham, our fore father, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴ Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. ⁶ David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷ “Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ⁸ Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.”

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Christ

- This is **PERFECT**
- There is no **INDEBTEDNESS**
- This is **SPOTLESS**
- This is absolutely **RIGHTEOUS**

Adam or Mankind

- All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God
- There is no way for man to pay the debt other than through Christ
- We are spiritually bankrupt

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- Since we can't pay the debt for our sins, Christ did two things for us:
 - i. He took our debt

This was the way God had for us to be acceptable to Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says *“that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

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ii. He gave us His righteousness

Not only did He take our debt, but He credited (imputed) His own righteousness to our account.

Romans 4:6 says “*David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works.*”

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A Couple of Key Words:

1. Justification means God puts His righteousness on our account. It is imputed to us.
2. Sanctification means that His righteousness is imparted to our lives and enables us to live a holy life.

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B. Example of Imputation

**Found in the Book of Philemon....
involving Paul, Philemon and his slave,
Onesimus.**

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C. Experience of Imputation

- So, what is the practical application for receiving this imputation from Christ?

Four things....

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i. Admit Our Debt...

Understand that man has a debt to pay and there is no means for man to repay this debt other than through Christ.

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ii. Don't Record Our Own Sins...

Too many Christians are always remembering what God has forgotten, and forgetting what God wants us to remember.

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iii. Don't Record Others' Sins...

1 Corinthians 13:5 says this *"It (love) is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."*

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iv. God Records Our Works...

Righteousness is not only imputed, but it is imparted through the Holy Spirit. As a result we are able to live holy lives and produce fruit for Him.