

## WHAT IS IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS?

The perfect righteousness of God is reckoned as our own because of the righteousness produced by the initiative and power of Christ in the believer as we are saved by His life (Rom. 5:10). He is raised again for our justification (Rom. 4:25).

The faith of the believer is reckoned (counted) for righteousness. Romans 4:5

Saving faith always produces works. And the works are counted as righteous when they are initiated and empowered by Christ. Without Me you can do nothing.

Not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith (Phil. 3:9) The just shall live by faith.

God must be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. God justifies his own righteousness by the work of Christ in His death and in His resurrection Life. Jesus was raised for our justification. By His life we are saved. Justification is instantaneous, but the newness of life in the believer encompasses all of salvation including sanctification and glorification. God sees our sinlessness and our perfect righteousness as already complete because He has predetermined to complete the work He began in us. The glory of our salvation is that we get to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, participate in our newness of life, and be guaranteed of the outcome. This allows for us to experience a love relationship with God our Father and Jesus His Son.

Now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe. Romans 3:21,22

By faith Abraham obeyed God and offered up Isaac. Hebrews 11:17a

Obedience in faith is an act of righteousness. Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Romans 4:3 This righteous act will follow Abraham into eternity.

He (God the Father) made Him (God the Son) who knew no sin to be the sacrifice for sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor. 5:21

**As sacrifice for sin, Jesus gave his physical life in death to condemn sin to the fullest and defeat sin, death, and all evil powers. The Father gave Jesus the authority in heaven and earth to remove sin. Jesus has a three phase plan for removing sin from all creation. Phase one is to deliver all believers from sin and produce righteous acts in all believers. This includes sanctification, eradication of the sin nature at physical death, and glorification of the believer. Phase two includes the Great White Throne Judgment and phase three includes the New Heaven and the New Earth.**