

# Great Doctrines of Easter – Imputation

## Opening Trivia: **The Bible Says...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Christians greeted one another on Easter with “He is Risen”, the response being, “He is Risen Indeed!”
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The historical and architectural locals related to Jesus’ Passion were venerated by Christians
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The celebration of Easter each year was one of the festivals of the church.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The symbol of the Cross was used by the early church on places of worship and worn by believers to identify themselves as Christians.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The symbol of the Fish – ICTHUS was used by the early church on places of worship, placed by believers on homes or objects and worn by believers to identify themselves as Christians
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the symbol of the dove was used by early Christians to identify themselves as Christians or to symbolize the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Introduction: These notes are done both for discussion and personal study, use in your family devotional/prayer time or your small group Bible study...**

What does the word “imputation” mean?

How is it most commonly used in our language today?

What is the doctrine of imputation?

## I. Imputation: Adam to Mankind

The doctrine of imputation teaches that mankind is brought into the world sinful. How do the following verses speak to this? What does this tell us of the hope of perfection through effort or works?

*PSA 51:5 Behold, **I was brought forth in iniquity**, And in sin my mother conceived me.*

*ROM 5:16 ... for on the one hand the **judgment arose from one transgression** resulting in condemnation....*

*ROM 5:17 For if by **the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one**...*

*ROM 5:18 So then as **through one transgression there resulted condemnation** to all men...*

*ROM 5:19 For as through **the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners**...*

*GEN 8:21 ... the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, **for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth**; ...*

*PSA 58:3 **The wicked are estranged from the womb**; These who speak lies go astray from birth.*

*1 CO 15:21 & 22 For since by a man came death... **For as in Adam all die**...*

## II. Imputation: Mankind to Christ

Christ’s death on the cross was more than just God dying, as if this were not enough. What do these verses teach us about what happened to Christ on the cross? What did He experience while He hung on the cross? Is this even conceivable to us?

*ISA 53:6 ... But the Lord has caused the **iniquity of us all To fall on Him**.*

*2 CO 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin on our behalf**...*

*HEB 9:28 so Christ also, having been **offered once to bear the sins of many**...*

*1 PE 2:24 and He Himself **bore our sins in His body** on the cross, ...*

### III. Imputation: Christ to Mankind

If Imputation stopped with our sin going to Christ would this be enough? How long would it take you, like Adam to fall from your sinless state and sin again.? What do these passages tell us about the final stage of imputation? How does this relate to our eternal security, the fact that we can never lose our salvation?

*ROM 3:21 & 22 But 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; for there is no distinction;*

*1CO 2:16 For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? **But we have the mind of Christ***

*2CO 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.***

*GAL 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ **have clothed yourselves with Christ.***

*2PE 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, **in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

### IV. What is it's significance and applications?

#### A. The "historical Adam"

1. How is the "Historical Adam" inseparable from the doctrines of salvation?

#### B. The Virgin birth

1. Why did this have to be put in the Bible?
2. If Christ was not born of a virgin, what would He carry with Him at his birth?

#### C. Our understanding of Jesus' temptations and sinless life

#### D. Imputation and the role / importance of "Believers Baptism"

#### E. Imputation and the role / importance of "The Lord's Supper"

#### F. Our view of mankind and of salvation

1. "Are we sinful because we sin,
2. "or do we sin because we are sinful"

#### G. Our view of primitive "unspoiled" population groups.

1. The Christian faith is not seeking to return mankind to his pristine primordial spiritual condition
2. The "unspoiled" population group is a myth. All cultures and all groups of people share in the sin of Adam.

#### H. Intimacy in marriage –

1. What was the sin of Adam?
2. Did it have anything to do with intimacy between man and wife?
3. Does Adam's sin reflect in anyway on intimacy in marriage?
4. How is PSA 51:5 wrongly interpreted by the Catholic church because of their failure to embrace the doctrine of imputation? **"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me."** Given an understanding of imputation, rather than intimacy in marriage, what is the Holy Spirit speaking of in this verse?

#### I. The behavior of children –

1. Are children basically good? ("From the mouth of babes")
2. Do they learn to sin from their environment? / Will the right environment keep children from sinning?
3. Are wrong (sinful decisions) the result of ignorance / lack of education.

4. Will reason alone result in a wise child.

## **Propitiation For Further Study**

### **Depravity**

- A. Romans 5:12
- B. Romans 5:16 – 19
- C. Genesis 8:21
- D. Psalm 51:5
- E. Psalm 58:3
- F. I Corinthians 15:21 & 22

### **Salvation**

- A. Isaiah 53:6
- B. I Peter 2:24
- C. II Corinthians 5:21
- D. Hebrews 9:28

### **Sanctification and Glorification**

- A. Romans 3:21 & 22
- B. I Corinthians 1:30
- C. I Corinthians 2:16
- D. II Corinthians 5:21
- E. Galatians 3:27
- F. II Peter 1:4

**In your family devotionals, as you read this section of scripture, discuss which aspect of Imputation are found throughout. Write a personal note below each verse...**

ROM 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

ROM 5:13 for until the Law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

ROM 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

ROM 5:15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

ROM 5:16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

ROM 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

ROM 5:18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

ROM 5:19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

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