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# The Theological Ramifications of the Imputation of the Righteousness of Christ Upon the Heart of the Believer

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**A Few Words of Wisdom For the Year Ahead**

***Romans 4:20-25***

***20He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.***

All mankind has a huge problem that we cannot solve for ourselves. It is called sin. In our frail humanity, we fail to see sin from God’s perspective. His view of sin is clearly defined as He placed the death penalty upon all who are guilty of even the slightest wrong. But our God also loves us and shows us mercy and grace by offering to us, free of charge, salvation. It is the prime ingredient of our lives. Everything else that matters, hinges on one question and its answer. Have we come to the point in our lives that we recognize our sinful condition, and our absolute inability to help ourselves out of our precarious predicament, and accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives.

I would like to talk to you today about what it means to be a Christian. And just to be sure we are all on the same page here, let me explain something right up front. We use many words and phrases to talk about Salvation. We talk about being saved, being born again, becoming a Christian, becoming a new creation, inviting Jesus into our heart, being redeemed, being converted, or being reconciled. There may be slight differences between each phrase in it’s focus, but we are essentially talking about the moment in someone’s life when they realize that they are a sinner in need of a Savior, and turn to God and ask Him to be a very real part of their life.

That is when God steps up and begins His amazing work. On our part, our salvation may seem simple and easy and we may even almost take it for granted. But salvation is anything but simple and easy for God.

There are many miracles recorded in the Bible for us to look at and stand in awe of our mighty God. My favorite is not Moses parting the Red Sea, or David fighting Goliath.

No, my favorite is, in my opinion, the greatest miracle God has ever done. He did it for Himself, really, but we get to celebrate and rejoice in it. Only He can see it, and the only reason we even know about it is that He told us that He has done it.

Have I piqued your curiosity by now?

Allow me to introduce it to you by it’s technically theological term or name—“imputation”.

God imputes His righteousness upon the life of everyone who places their faith and trust and belief in Jesus for their salvation. This is no small feat.

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1. Enjoy deadlines, especially the “wooshing” sound they make as they go by.

2. It is so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say, and then don’t say it.

3. Yesterday’s yesterday’s tomorrow’s tomorrow is actually tomorrow’s yesterday—AND THAT’S TODAY!

4. Brush your teeth with someone else today. 4 out of 5 dentists agree—you can’t stop tooth decay by brushing alone.

5. Never buy tickets to an Amish World Series night game.

6. Who is General Failure, and why is he reading my hard drive?