

2013 Basic Doctrines (07) **(Imputed Unrighteousness)**

Imputed unrighteousness is a theological term associate with every unsaved member of the human race under Adam's Original Sin (AOS).

(Rom.3:9) "What then? Are we (Jews) better than they (Greeks)? Not at all, for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are **all under sin** (AOS)."

(Rom.3:10a) "As it is written, 'there is **none righteous, not even one.**'" (Ps.14:1-3; 53:1-3)

This lesson will study four aspects of the doctrine of Imputed Unrighteousness status of all unsaved.
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1. Paul taught the doctrine of imputed unrighteousness by four terms in our lesson text taken from two OT messianic passages.

"Nine times in four verses (vv.9-12) Paul mentioned the **universality of sin** (all) [2x], none or no one [4x], not even one [2x], and (together) [1x]." NIV Study Bible of (Rom.3:9)

All _____ (3:9) **All** _____ (3:12)

None _____ (3:10), **None** _____, **None** _____ (3:11), **None** _____ (3:12)

Not even One _____ (3:10), **Not even one** _____ (3:12)

Together _____ (3:12)

2. The Greek word for unrighteous is adikia (-R).

Adikia refers to not being right or just in relationship with God based on the standard of the absolute righteousness (+R) of God.

(Ps.11:7) "For the **Lord is righteous**, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face."

Every member is born into the human race with the imputation of AOS unrighteousness (-R). It is the standard of the unsaved (Rom.3:9-12). This was true in OT as well as NT (2 Pet.2:5; Heb.11:7).

(Rom.1:18) "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness."

(2 Cor.6:14) "Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what **partnership** have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?"

3. **Imputed unrighteousness is 1 of 13 judicial charges of AOS imputed to every member of the human race at physical birth (Rom.3:9-12).**

(Rom.3:10) “There is none righteous, not even one.” Why? “All under sin.” (Rom.3:9b)

(Rom.3:22-23) “Even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**”

(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.**”

Alienation	(Col.1:21-22; Eph.2:12)	Natural man	(Jude 19; 1 Cor.1:18; 2:14)
Blindness	(2 Cor.4:3-4)	Perishing	(John 3:16’ 10:28; 2 Pet.3:9)
Condemnation	(Rom.5:18; 8:1-3)	Sinner	(1 Tim.1:15; Luke 15:7, 10)
Curse	(Gal.3:10-13; Deut.21:23)	Unrighteous	(Rom.3:9-12)
Darkness	(Col.1:13-14; 1 Pet.2:9; Rom.2:19)	Ungodly	(Rom.5:6-8)
Death	(Rom.5:12; 6:23; 1 Cor.15:22)	Wrath	(John 3:36; Rom.5:9; 1 Thess.5:9-10))

NOTE: This sin-barrier of AOS can only be removed by personal faith in the gospel of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:1-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

4. **The unrighteous often pursue a false standard of righteousness that is cosmos diabolicus (evil substitute for +R) (2 Cor.11:14-15; Acts 15:1, 5, 11; Rom.2:28-29).**

We will look at two common substitutes for God’s righteousness (+R): moral and religious goodness.

- **Moral conscience of good** can be a positive virtue towards God [at God-Consciousness] (Acts 10:35; Rom.3:20).

The unbeliever can be morally right as well as wrong (Matt.27:19; Luke 23:47; Matt.20:13). This does not send him to heaven or to hell (Rom.1:16-18).

- **Religious conscience of good** can also be a positive towards God [at God-Consciousness] (John 3:1-21; Acts 8:27-29, 35-38; 10:2, 30-31, 38-48; 16:14-15).

They both can also be a negative towards the gospel of grace salvation [at God-Consciousness] (Matt.19:16-22; Acts 26:27-29).

(Rom.3:10) “As it is written, ‘there are none righteous, not even on.’”

(Gal.2:21) “I do not nullify the grace of God; **for if** righteousness comes through the Law, **then** Christ died needlessly.”