

## **2013 Basic Doctrines (09)** **(Imputed Righteousness)**

We have learned in a previous study that imputed unrighteousness is 1 of 13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) imputed to every member of the human race at physical birth – "As it is written, **There is none righteous, not even one.**" (Rom.3:10)

**This study will cover four aspects of the Imputation of God's Righteousness (+R) to everyone who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

(1 Cor.15:3-4) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'But the righteous man shall live by faith.'" (Rom.1:16-17)

### **1. Jesus is the only source of God's Righteousness (+R).**

(Rom.10:3-4) "For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

The impeccable true humanity of Jesus Christ satisfied the justice of God regarding AOS on the cross. (1 Pet.2:24).

**AOS (sin-barrier)**  
(Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22, 45)

**(-R) man**  
(Rom.3:10)

**(+R) God**  
(Ps.11:7; Gal.2:21; Rom.11:6)

**Jesus Christ (+R Savior)**  
(Acts 3:14-16; Rom.5:17-19; **2 Cor.5:21**)

### **2. God's righteousness is imputed, credited, or reckoned (logizomai) to every CAB on the basis of faith in gospel of Jesus Christ apart from human merit.**

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

(Rom.4:2-5) "For if **Abraham** was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does **the Scripture** say? 'Abraham **believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.** Now to the one who works, his wage is not credit as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, **but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.**" (Gen.15:6)

Moral goodness or religious observance will not save you from AOS. **WHY? (Rom.3:10, 20-24; 9:30-32)**

### Saul of Tarsus

- **Lost:** (Acts 7:54-8:3)
- **Miracle of Straight Street** (9:1-15; 22:20; John 16:7-10)
- **Testimony of (+R)** (Phil.3:4-9; 1 Pet.1:23).

### 3. God's righteousness (+R) is an important doctrine in all three phases of the Christian Way of Life (CWL) in the Plan of God.

- **Phase I (Grace Salvation) [ Positional (+R) ]**
  - (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." (Rom. 3:21-26; Phil.3:9).
- **Phase II (The Believer in Time) [ Experiential (+R) ]**
  - (Rom.6:13) "And **do not go on presenting** the members of your body to sin as unrighteousness; but **present yourselves** to God **as** those alive from the dead and your members **as instruments of righteousness to God.**" (Rom.6:12-23; 1 Tim.6:11; 2 Tim.2:22)
- **Phase III (The Believer in Eternity) [ Ultimate (+R) ]**
  - (2 Pet.3:13) "But according to His promise we are looking for the new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells." (Gal.5:5; 2 Tim.4:7-8)

### 4. Experiential Righteousness operates in the CWL by the faith cycle under the Indwelling Holy Spirit.

(2 Tim.2:22) "Now flee from youthful lusts and **pursue righteousness**, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." [Virtues of the CWL] (1 Tim.6:11)

(Eph.4:22-24) "**That**, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, **and that** you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the **new self**, which **in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.**"

(Eph.6:13-14) "Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to **stand firm. Stand firm** therefore, having girded your loins with truth, **and having put on the breastplate of righteousness.**"

John taught that everyone who is born of God should practice righteousness.

(1 John 2:29) "If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also **who practices righteousness is born of Him.**"

(1 John 3:7) "Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one **who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**"

(Heb.5:13-14) "For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the **word of righteousness**, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the **mature, who because of practice** have their senses trained to discern good and evil."

(2 Tim.3:16-17) "**All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, **for training in righteousness**; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."