

## Our Righteousness in Christ – Imputed and Imparted

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Romans 4:1-8.

“What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, has found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he had whereof to glory, (boast); but not before God. For what says the Scripture? **“Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”** Genesis 15:6. Now to him that works is the reward not reckoned according to grace, but according to debt. **But to him that works not, but believes on Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for, (imputed as), righteousness.** Even as David also describes the blessedness of the man, unto whom God **imputes righteousness** without works. Saying, “Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not **impute** sin.”

When people repent towards God and put their faith and trust in Christ, Acts 20:21, they are washed clean from the guilt of all sin, justified before God and declared righteous in God’s sight. 1Peter 3:18, 2:24, Revelation 1:5, Romans 5:1,9.

In God’s sight they are just as if they had never sinned.

They are 100% righteous in God’s sight. 2Corinthians 5:21.

They are “Justified.”

In this way the righteousness of Christ **is imputed** to them and they are saved from the wrath and eternal judgment of God.

By grace we are saved through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

Not of works lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8,9.

The Blood of Jesus removes the guilt of sin. 1John 1:7, 1Peter 1:18,19, Revelation 1:5.

**But we also need to be set free from the old nature of sin**, the “flesh”, the “carnal” nature.

Romans 6:6, Romans 8:5-8, 1Corinthians 3:1-4, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 4:17-32, Colossians 3:5-17.

As a young father, my life was in need of deliverance from the sinful bondage of anger.

The more I struggled against it the stronger it became, and the more it ruined my life and family.

One day someone said to me, “You do not have to be a slave to anger anymore, **because Jesus put your old sinful nature to death at the Cross**, when you were crucified to death with Him. Romans 6:3-6, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:3.

Romans 6:1-11, was then explained to me, that when Jesus was crucified, we were crucified together with Him.

When He was buried we were buried with Him.

When he rose from the dead, we rose together with Him, to walk in newness of life.

This truth is acted out in water baptism. Acts 2:38, 8:11, 9:18, 10:48, 19:5.

When we are baptized, we are baptized into Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection.

The old sinful nature was put to death with Christ on the Cross, the body of sin was destroyed, and henceforth we no longer serve sin, V6.

**We are dead to sin and alive to God through Jesus Christ.** V11. Verses 14 and 22 reinforce this truth.

After a few days of reading and rereading this truth, it dropped from my head to my heart, and true faith arose within me.

For two weeks I keep claiming this revelation, speaking it out aloud, and thanking the Lord for it.

At the end of two weeks I could look back and see that the power of anger to control my life was broken and I was set free 90 or more per cent.

**The power of the Word of God, through faith, had set me free.** Hebrews 4:12.

In this way the unrighteousness of anger was removed from my life, and the righteousness of self-control replaced it.

This is an example of **righteousness imparted** through faith in the truth of God’s Word.

Jesus said, “If you continue in My Word you are truly My disciples, and **you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.**” John 8:31,32. In the context, Jesus was speaking about freedom from sinful bondages.

He said, “If the Son shall set you free you shall be free indeed.” John 8:36.

Another name for this **imputed righteousness** is “holiness” or “sanctification”, **without which no one will see the Lord.**

Hebrews 12:14, Matthew 5:8, 2Corinthians 7:1, 1John 3:1-3.

In this last reference it says that we are the children, (Greek is teknon, Young’s Conc.) of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; **for we shall see Him as He is.**

**And every man who has this hope in him purifies himself, even as He is pure.**

The Lord commands us to be holy because He is holy. 1Peter 1:16. **“Be ye holy; for I am holy.”**  
**“As He who has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conduct.”** 1Peter 1:15.

Jesus said, “Whoever commits sin is the servant of sin. And the servant does not remain in the house for ever; but the Son abides for ever.” John 8:34,35.

Therefore, **“Let not sin reign** in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lust thereof.” Romans 6:12.

“For sin shall not have dominion over you; for you are not under the law but under grace.” Romans 6:14.

By faith, take the stand of being **dead to sin, but alive to God** through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:11.

**For faithful is He that promised.** Hebrews 10:23.

In the parable of the Wedding Feast, Matthew 22:1-13, where the King made a wedding feast for His Son, a man was found at the Feast **without a wedding garment**. The King ordered this man to be removed from the Feast, bound, and thrown out into outer darkness.

In the final Marriage Supper of the Lamb, Revelation 19:7-10, the Bride is dressed in fine linen clean and white, where the fine linen is **the righteous acts of the saints**.

**“Having therefore these promises,** (such as Romans 6:6, 11, 14, 6:22, 1 John 1:9), dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord.” 2Corinthians 7:1.

By faith in the promises of God, revealed to us by the Spirit as “rhema” Scriptures, we are set free from sinful bondages and receive **righteousness imparted** to us by God.