

God's Wonderful Words of Life Series by D. Lavell Lee

Message Four

- Imputation

Rom 4:20-25 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Rom 5:12-21 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

2Co 5:17-21 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

In message three, we looked at the wonderful truth that Jesus Christ died as our substitute on the cross for our sins and arose again for us. In order for Jesus Christ to die for our sins, our sins had to be placed on him. This is referred to as our sins being imputed unto Jesus Christ. This is the wonderful subject that we will now consider together.

FIRST What does imputation mean

1. Webster: To attribute to another; charge with, ascribe
2. Scriptural use: To ascribe to a person as coming from another

SECOND Adam's sin was passed to the human race

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

1. Adam fell into spiritual death, which is spiritual separation from God, when he sinned and this also brought about physical death.
2. Adam was corrupted by sin and passed his corrupt nature to the entire human race.

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

All the sorrow, sickness, death, and trouble of every sort in the human race has been brought about by the intrusion of sin. The lost human race is in a complete state of ruin. Unless God had intervened, we would have no hope. But, praise the Lord, God has intervened. He has done something marvelous about our sin, he has reckoned, counted, imputed our sin to Jesus Christ. That is God's answer and provision for our sin problem.

THIRD The sin of the human race was imputed to Jesus Christ

Remember our scriptural use of impute as stated in point one. God has ascribed our sins, my sins, your sins, the sins of all the human race, past, present, and future, to Jesus Christ.

1. God laid on him

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Notice carefully the wording here in **Isa. 53:6**

“**All we like sheep have gone astray.**” The entire human race has sinned. There is not a single exception to this, except Jesus Christ. “**We have turned every one to his own way.**” This means we have turned from God's way of life to pursue our own course of life. “**And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**” This is what our God of love has done for us. Thank you Lord! We are so grateful to you and we praise you!

2. God made him

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Notice again carefully, the wording used here.

“**For he hath made him to be sin for us.**” This is a work of God on our behalf. He loves us so much that he made the Son of his love sin for us. Yes, Jesus Christ took our place and took our sin unto himself. Thank you Lord Jesus! “**Who knew no sin.**” God's word is so careful to maintain the truth that Jesus Christ was no sinner. Jesus never sinned in any manner.

Joh 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

“**That we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**” What a great exchange, he got our sin and we get his righteousness.

3. Jesus Christ did bare our sins on the cross.

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

God's wording is so careful to assure us that, in Jesus Christ, our sins have been taken care of on the cross. Thank you Jesus!

FOURTH God has imputed his righteousness to those of us who have come him for salvation through Jesus Christ

Again, we call careful attention to our scriptural use of impute. God has ascribed his righteousness to all his saved people.

Rom 3:21-26 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Rom 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Rom 4:23-25 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Christian friends, these great truths should inspire us to lovingly serve our Lord. Note again **1 Pet. 2:24** “**That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. By whose stripes ye were healed.**”

Sinner, will you, just now, ask God to save you through Jesus Christ?

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.