

Doctrine 73 & 74: More Justification

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Imputation

When God pardoned sinners at the cross, our sins were imputed or transferred to Christ, who became sin on our behalf. Our sin was imputed to Christ, and Christ's righteousness was imputed to us (Rom. 5:17; 1 Cor. 1:30). When God the Father looks at those who have trusted in Christ, He does not see their sins but the righteousness of Christ as belonging to them (Rom. 4:6).

Adoption

Adoption into God's family is one the positive benefits of justification. Not only are we pardoned from the judgment against us through justification, but we also experience a change of identity—we become children of God (John 1:12; Gal. 4:5). Through adoption our relationship with God, which was once lost through the fall, is now restored, resulting in the benefits of being an heir of God and a co-heir with Christ (Rom. 8:16-17).

From the Bible

Romans 5:17 (NKJV)

17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

1 Corinthians 1:30–31 (NKJV)

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

Romans 4:5–8 (NKJV)

5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;

8 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin."

John 1:12 (NKJV)

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Galatians 4:5 (NKJV)

5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Romans 8:16–17 (NKJV)

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Key Thoughts

When we receive Christ as Savior and are declared "not guilty" by God (justified), there is a lot that goes on almost simultaneously (from our perspective).

- Imputation is an accounting transaction: Christ's righteousness is attributed to my account and my unrighteousness is attributed to His.
- Adoption has two senses:
 - The sense of naming someone as your child who was not your child before
 - The sense of naming someone who is your child to be your heir
 - Both senses apply here

Additional Thought

λογίζομαι (logizomai, 3049) primarily signifies "to reckon," whether by calculation or imputation, e.g., Gal. 3:6 (RV, "reckoned"); then, to deliberate, and so to suppose, "account," Rom. 8:36; 14:14 (KJV, "esteemeth"); John 11:50; 1 Cor. 4:1; Heb. 11:19; (KJV, "consider"); Acts 19:27 ("made of no account"; KJV, "despised"); 1 Pet. 5:12 (KJV, "suppose"). It is used of love in 1 Cor. 13:5, as not taking "account" of evil, RV (KJV, "thinketh"). In 2 Cor. 3:5 the apostle uses it in repudiation of the idea that he and fellow-servants of God are so selfsufficient as to "account anything" (RV) as from themselves (KJV, "think"), i.e., as to attribute anything to themselves. Cf. 12:6. In 2 Tim. 4:16 it is used of laying to a person's "account" (RV) as a charge against him (KJV, "charge").

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