### The Three Biblical Imputations

**1** st imputation = Adam's sin to all mankind

Romans 5:12-21 · 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

"Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned —" (Romans 5:12).

Isaiah 53:6 · Galatians 3:13 · 2 Corinthians 5:21 · 1 Peter 2:24

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

**3**rd imputation = Christ's righteousness to believers in Him

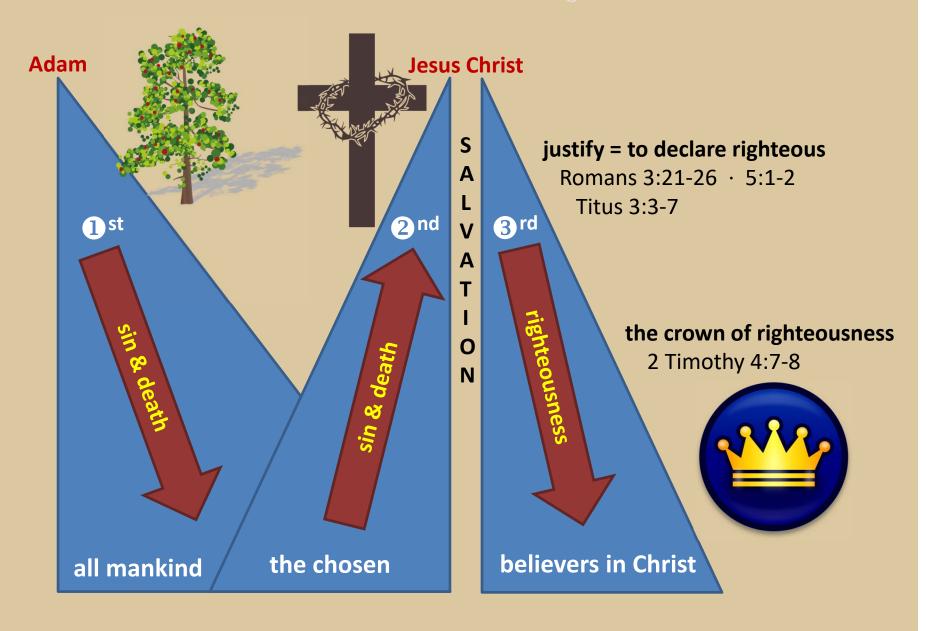
Romans 4:1-12; 22-25 · 2 Corinthians 5:21 · Romans 3:24-26

"Abraham believed God, and it was <u>reckoned</u> to Him as righteousness"

(Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6, James 2:23). 

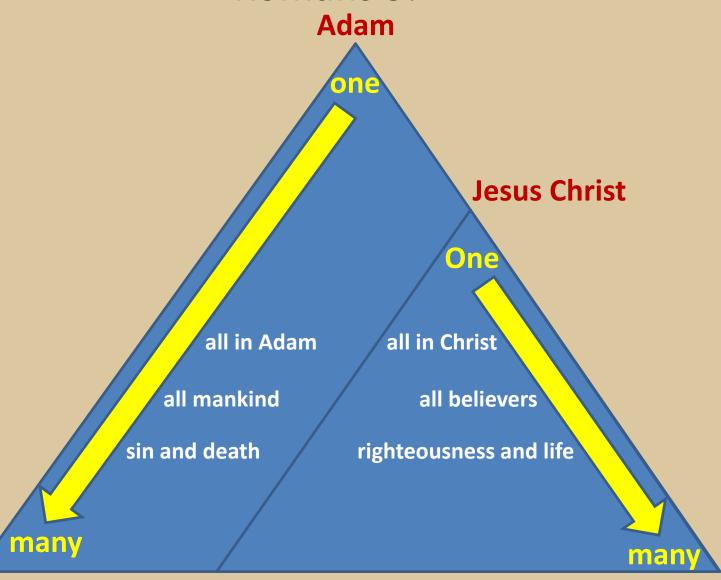
→ Genesis 15:6

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Romans 5:12-21



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Romans 5:12-21

Adam **→** "the transgression"

Jesus Christ **→** "the free gift"

Romans 5:15 the transgression of the one • the many died

5:16 judgment from one transgression resulting in condemnation

5:17 the transgression of the one death reigned through the one

5:18 one transgression resulted in condemnation of all

5:19 the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners

grace of the One abound to the many

the free gift from many transgressions · justification

all receiving grace and righteousness will reign in life through the One

one act of righteousness resulted in justification of life to all

through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous

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imputed righteousness ← versus → infused righteousness

#### **The Latin Vulgate**

iustificare = Latin (present active, infinitive) = to make righteous
iustus = righteousness, justice + ficare = to make, to shape, to do
iustifico = Latin (present active) root

- 1. act justly toward, do justice to
- 2. forgive, pardon

- 3. justify, make just
- 4. vindicate

Roman Catholic view: infused righteousness | cooperative work of God and man Man needs grace, faith, and Christ to help make him righteous and then God will pronounce him righteous.

**Augustine:** When God rewards our merits, He crowns nothing but his own gifts.

#### **The Greek New Testament**

dikaiosune = Greek (noun) = to declare righteous

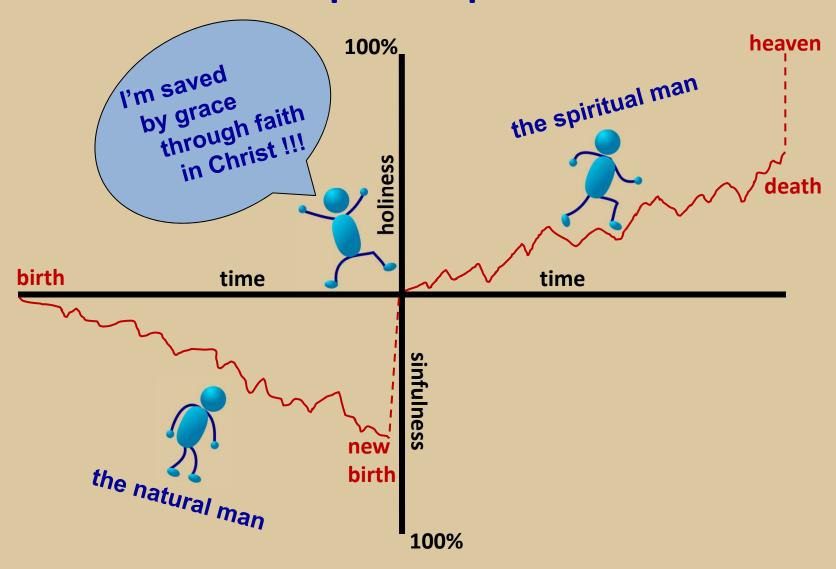
#### The Reformation view:

Martin Luther: **iustia alienum** = Latin = **alien righteousness** righteousness outside of self & apart from self

→ the righteousness of Christ (sola = alone)

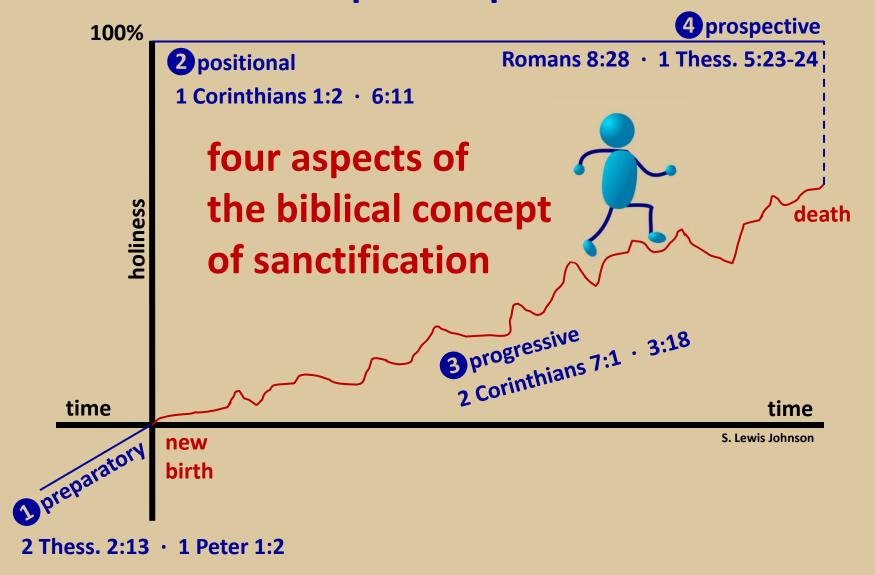
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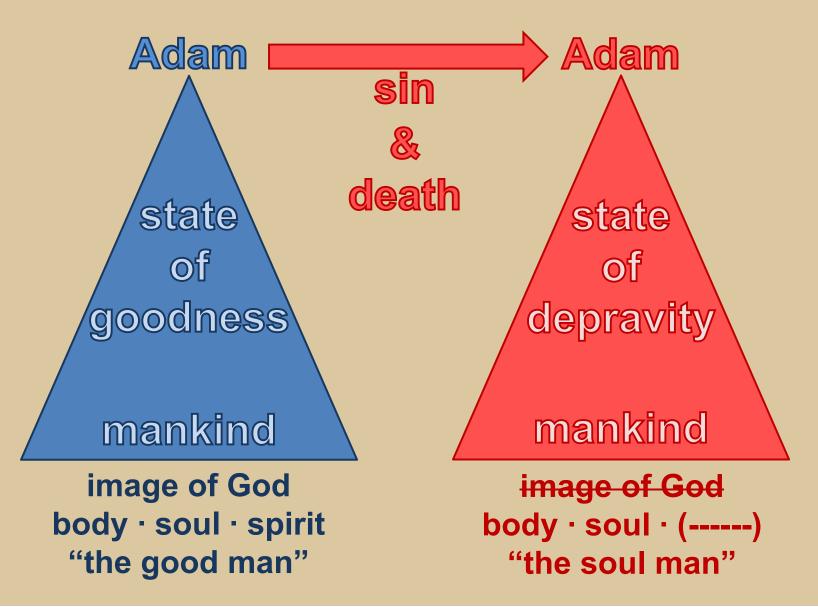
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the natural man



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