Christian World View

Christ the Savior

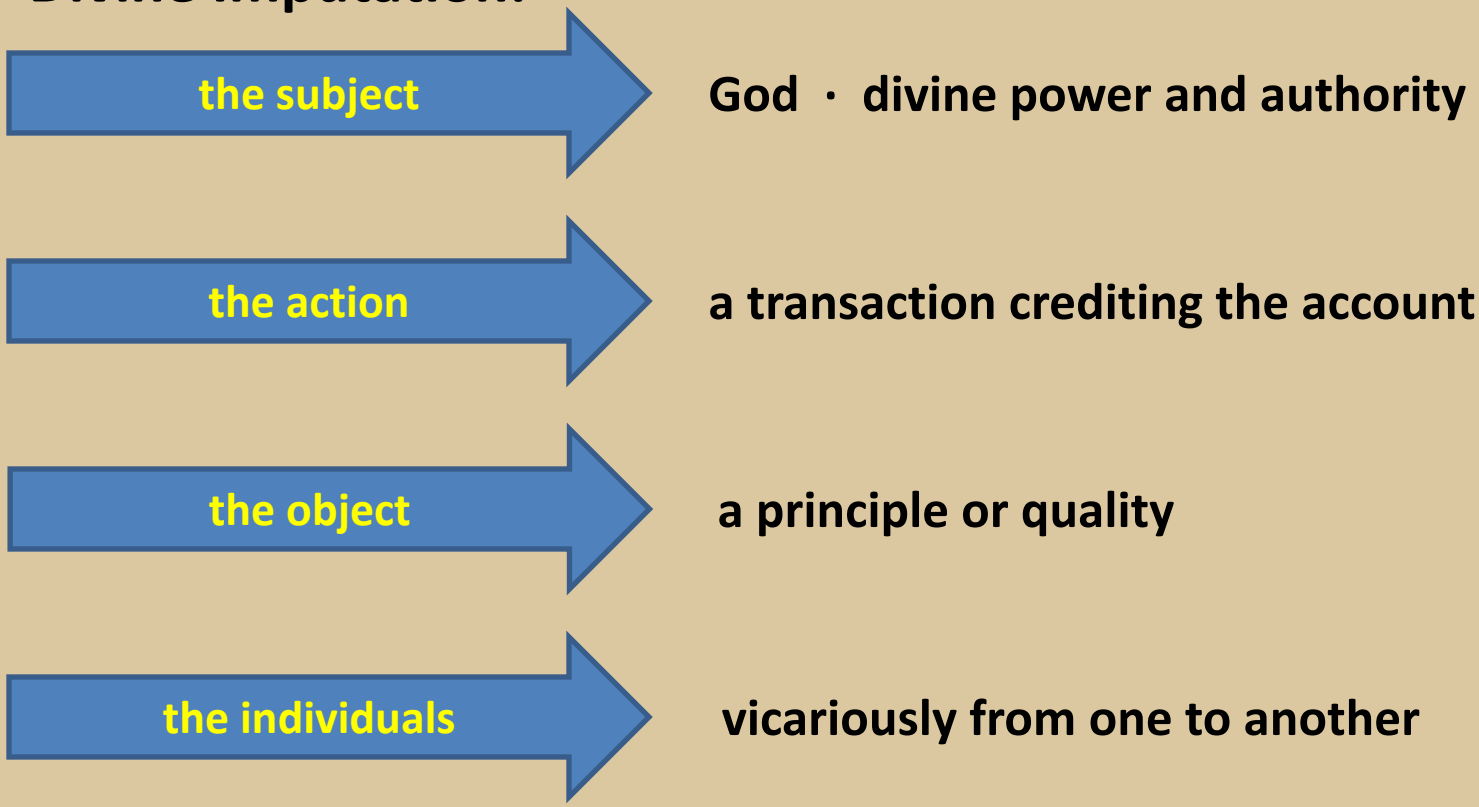
salvation

imputation

The Doctrine of Imputation

Imputation ➡ to consider, to count, to credit
to attribute or ascribe something to someone
to reckon to one what rightly belongs to another

Divine Imputation:



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The Three Biblical Imputations

❶st 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, <u>because all sinned</u> –" (Romans 5:12).

❷nd imputation = the chosen's sin to Christ on the cross

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).

❸rd 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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Adam

Jesus Christ

1st

sin & death

all mankind

2nd

sin & death

the chosen

SALVATION

3rd

righteousness

believers in Christ

justify = to declare righteous

Romans 3:21-26 · 5:1-2

Titus 3:3-7

the crown of righteousness

2 Timothy 4:7-8

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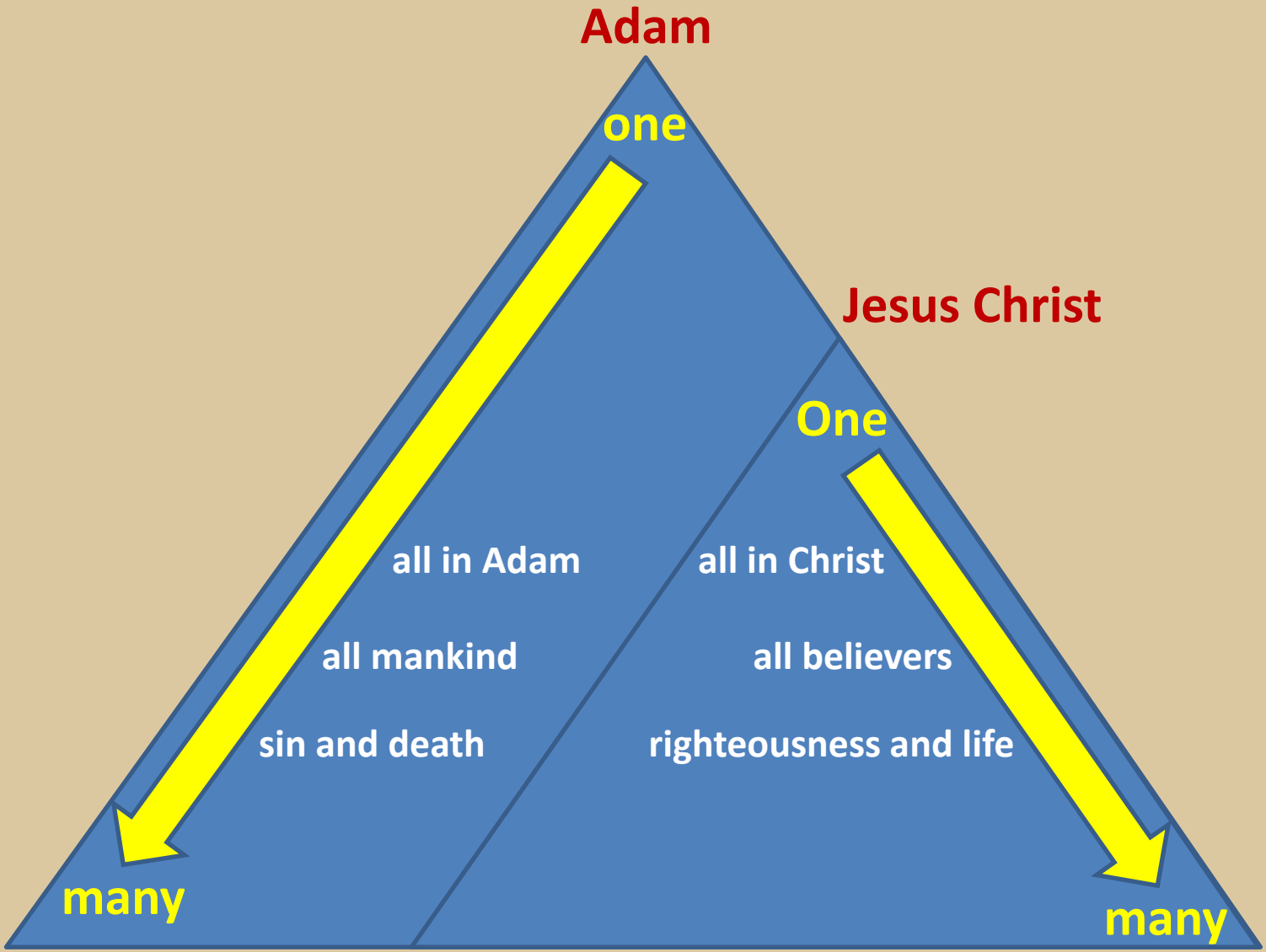

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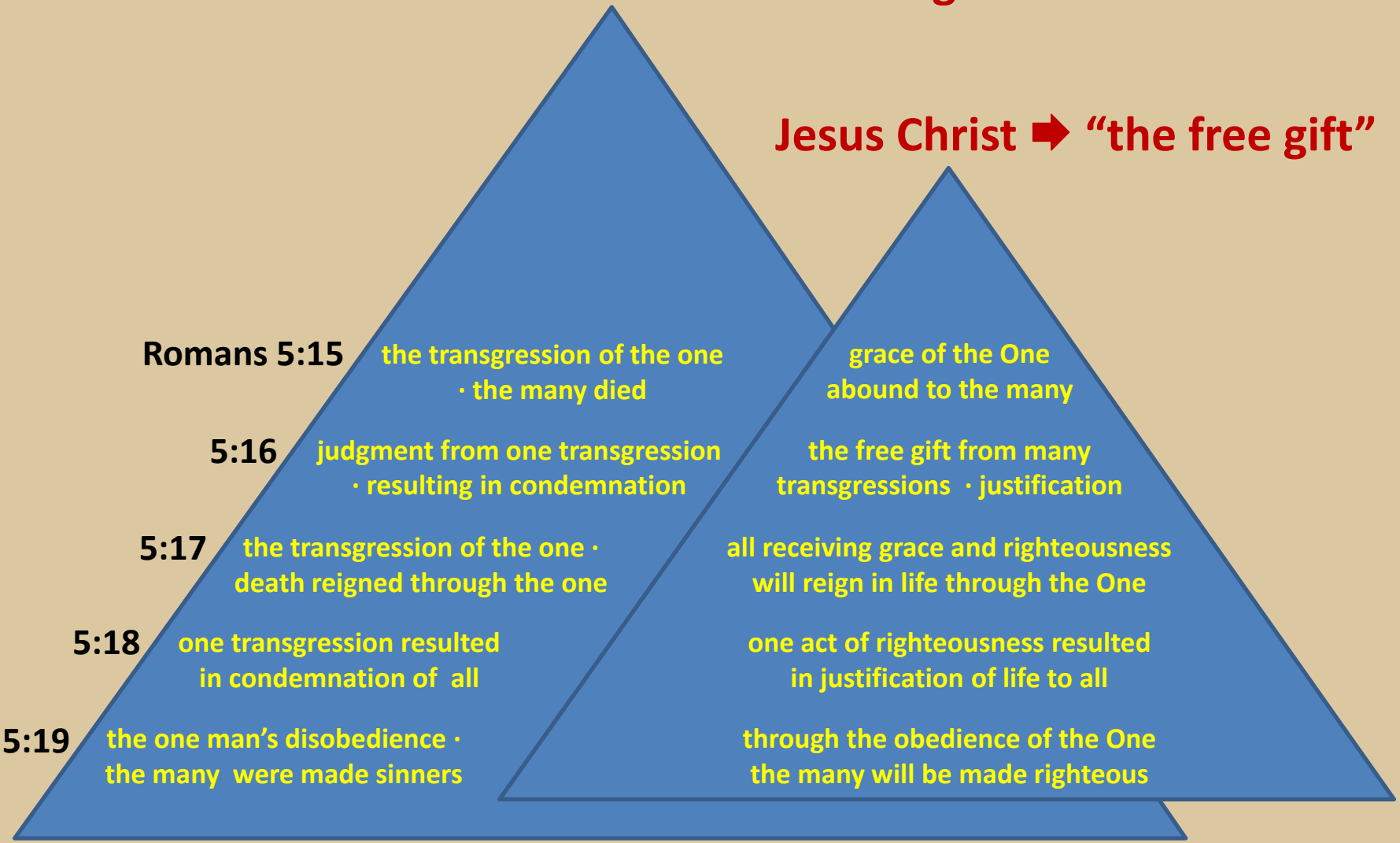
Romans 5:12-21

Adam ➡ "the transgression"

Jesus Christ ➡ "the free gift"



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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)