

Christian World View

THE WORKS OF GOD

salvation

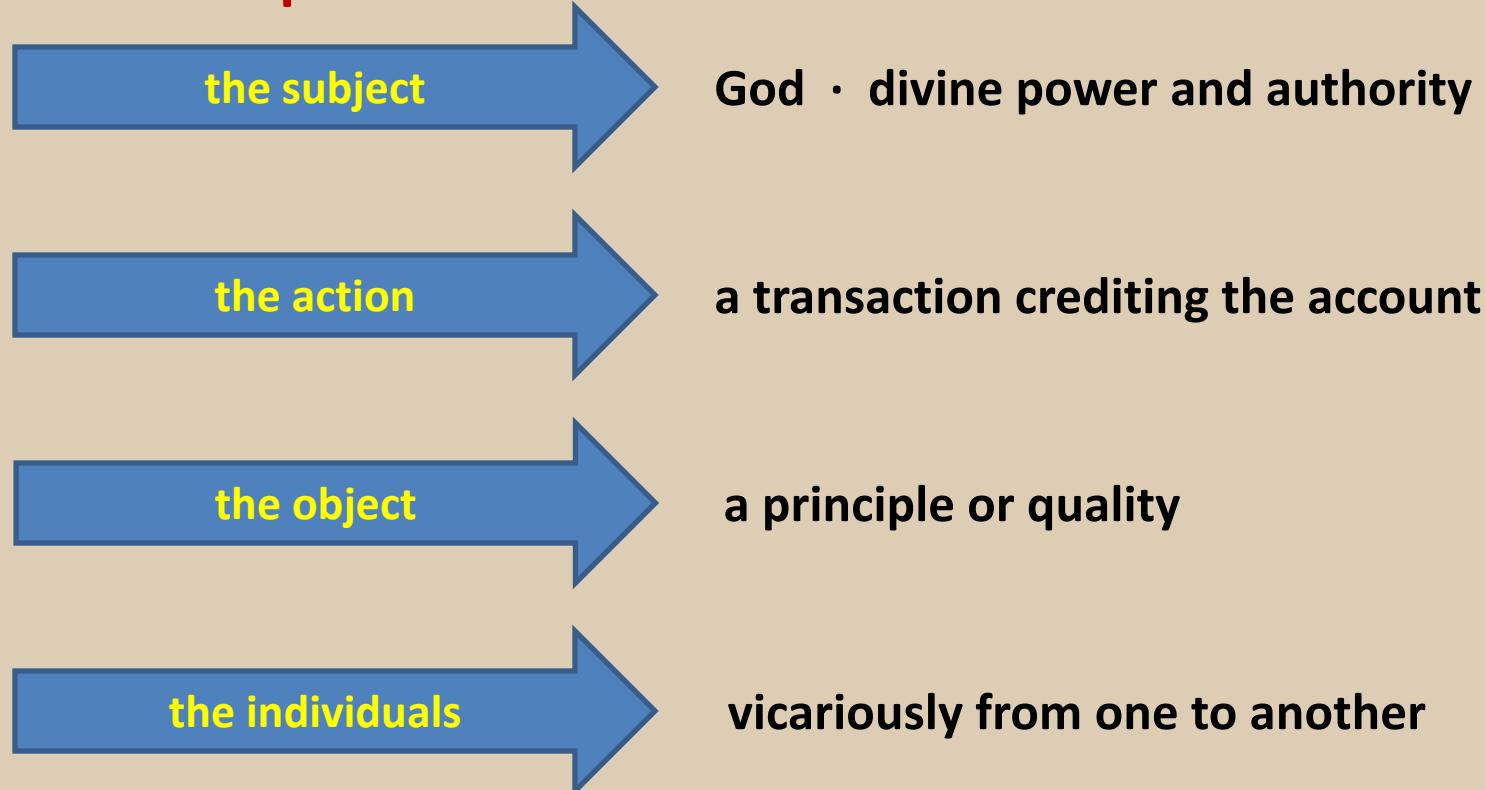
imputation

The Doctrine of Imputation

the definition

imputation ➔ to consider · to account · 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

1st 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).

2nd 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).

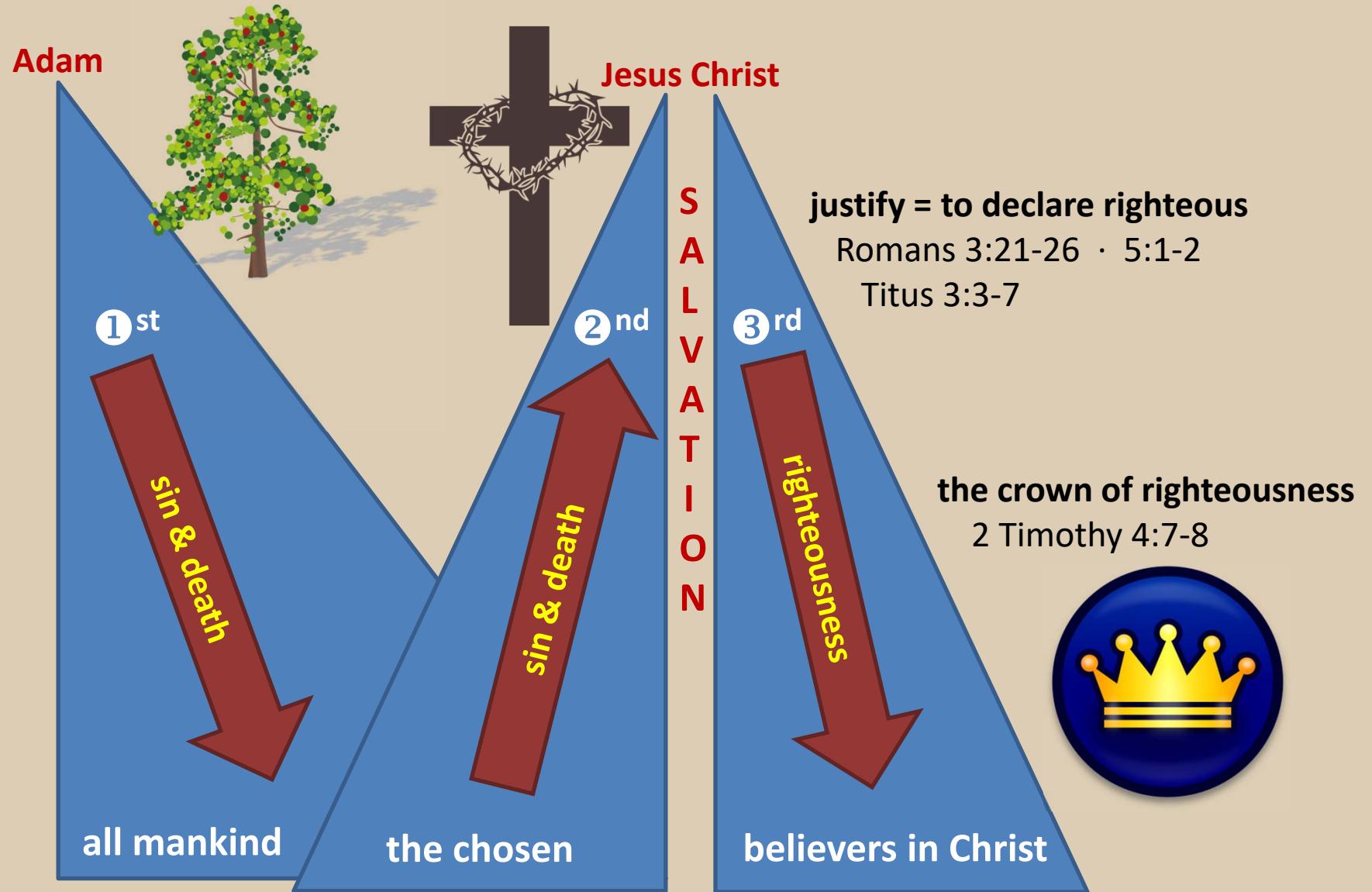
3rd imputation = Christ's righteousness to believers in Him

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

"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to Him as righteousness"
(Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6, James 2:23). ➡ Genesis 15:6

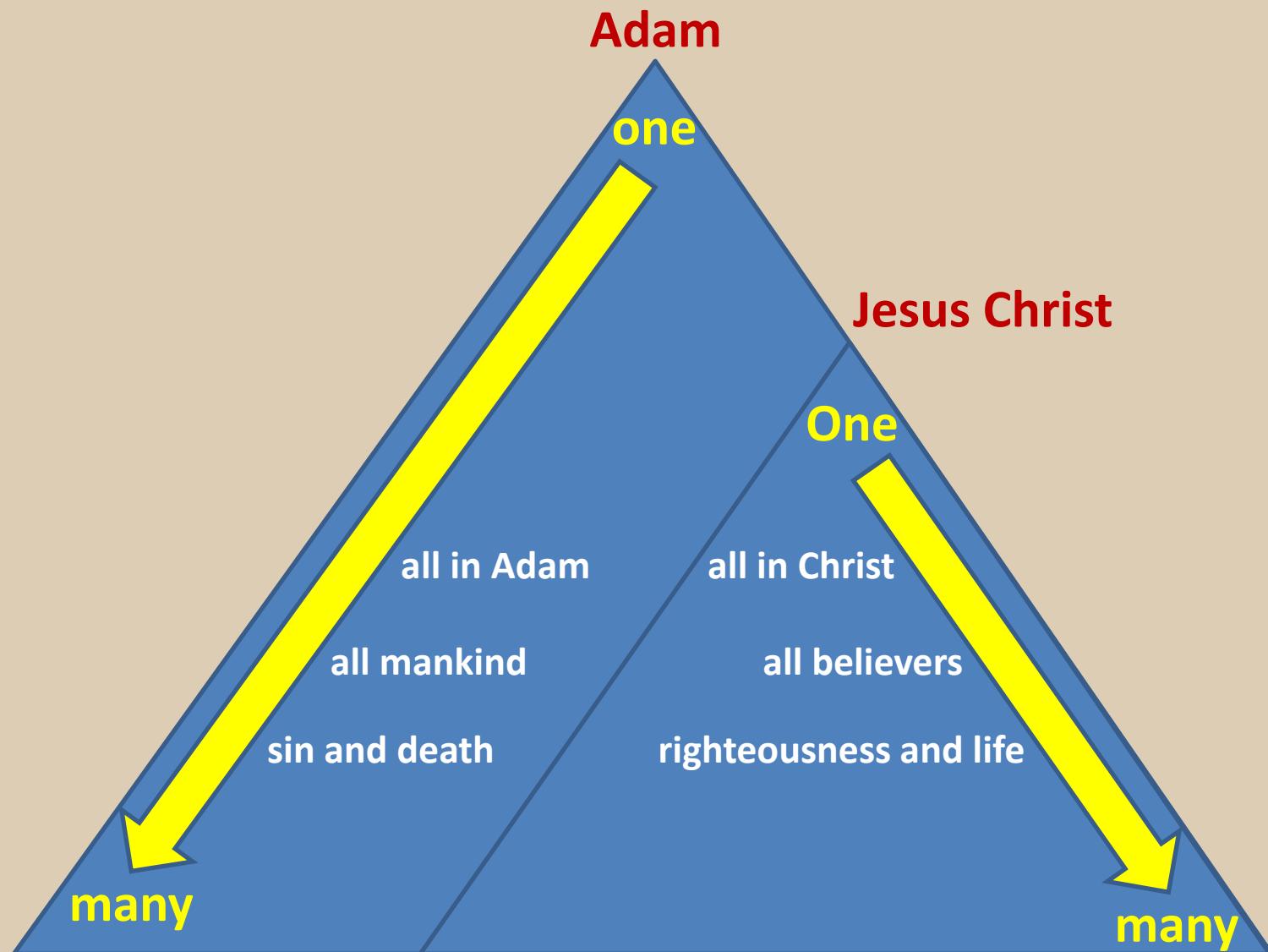
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Romans 5:12-21

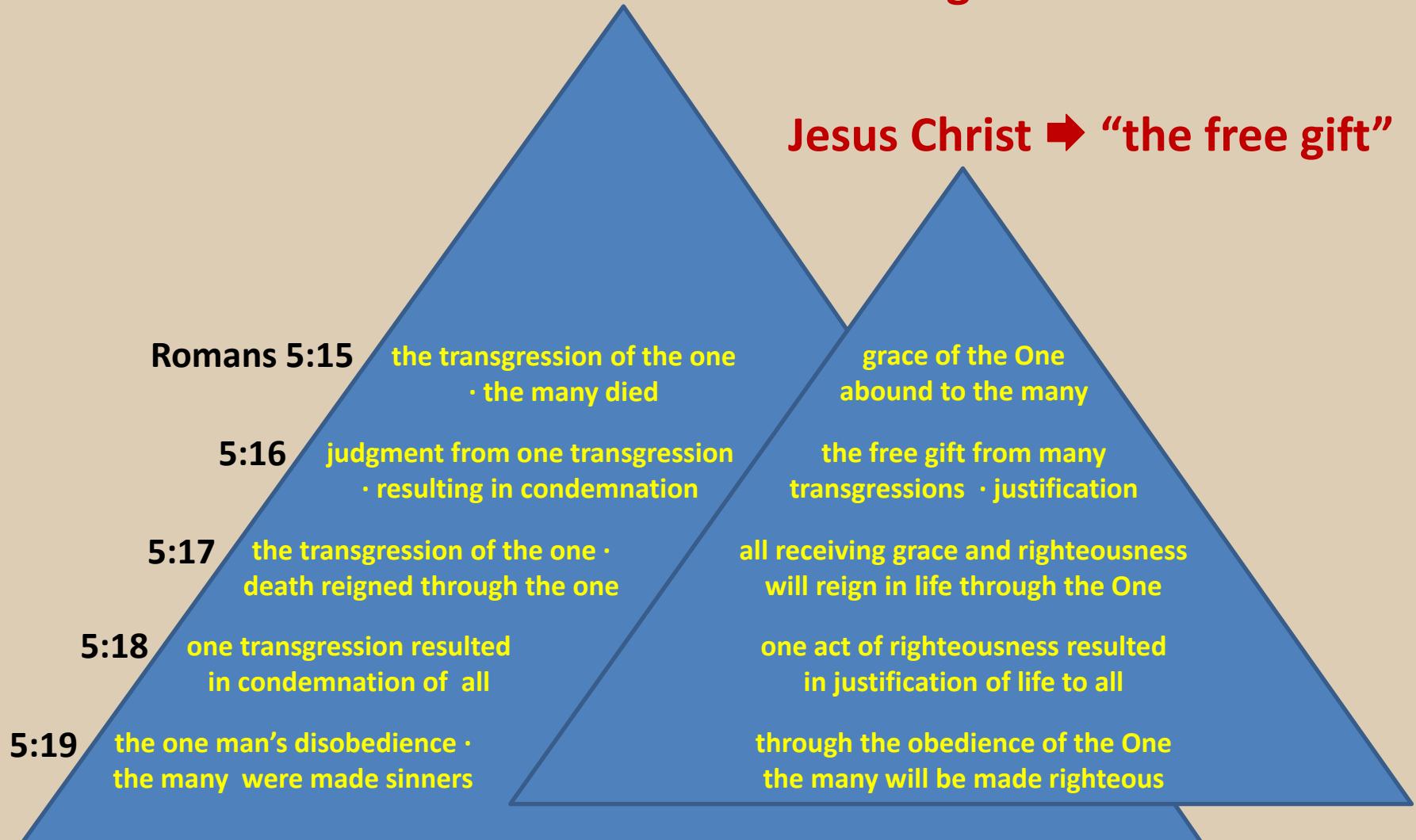


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Romans 5:12-21

Adam ➔ “the transgression”

Jesus Christ ➔ “the free gift”



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imputed righteousness vs. 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

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| 1. act justly toward, do justice to | 3. justify, make just |
| 2. forgive, pardon | 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)