

**FIVE FUNDAMENTAL
QUESTIONS CONCERNING
GOD'S IMPUTATION OF THE
GRACE BELIEVER TO BE
IN CHRIST**

- *Scripture Reading:*
 - **Ephesians 2:1-10**

REVIEW

- **Four weeks ago, we began a more thorough examination of one of the three Biblical covenants that God has provided for the Church – the Body of Christ. The three covenants consist of:**

REVIEW

- **The New Covenant for the Church**, which provides each believer with Eternal Life by the indwelling Christ
- **The Fourth Abrahamic Covenant**, which promised Abraham a particular descendant who would bless all Nations – by imputing believers from the Nations to be placed into God’s opinion of them being seen IN HIS SON
- **The Eternal Covenant**, between God the Father and God the Son, in eternity past, that guaranteed the fulfillment of the two previous covenants

INTRODUCTION

The New Covenant – Christ in us, was fulfilled by the action of Holy Spirit regeneration (our human spirit joined to the spirit essence belonging to deity)

The Fourth Abrahamic – Us in Christ, was fulfilled by a **mental** act of God called imputation

DEFINITION OF IMPUTATION

To put or place onto one's account



The term is used 43x in NT



11x it is used in Romans 4

DEFINITION (CONTINUED)

Translated in the KJV by the words “impute”,
“reckon”, and “account”



Two kinds of imputation:

Real imputation: an actual physical connection - Rom 5:12

Judicial imputation: only a connection made based on a
judgment – II Cor 5:21

FIVE FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED REGARDING OUR IMPUTED POSITION: “IN CHRIST”

- **Question #1:** How can God righteously impute us to be in Christ?
- **Answer:** by propitiation (satisfaction by Christ’s death for our sins)
 - By reconciliation (adjustment to God’s righteous standard because of Christ death for our sins)
 - *POTENTIAL* reconciliation for all
 - *ACTUAL* reconciliation for those who believe the gospel
 - By redemption (the complete and sufficient payment by the death of Christ for our sin debt)

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- **Question #2:** How is this imputation implemented?
 - **Answer:** through Holy Spirit baptism
 - **Co-crucified** – Gal 2:20
 - **Co-buried** – Rom 6:4
 - **Co-raised** – Eph 2:6
 - **Co-seated** – Eph 2:6

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- **Question #3:**
 - Can we lose this imputed position?
 - **Answer:** No! Eph 1:13-14

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- **Question #4:** How long will this imputed position last?
- **Answer:** Until the day of our complete redemption: the Rapture of the Church
 - Eph 4:30

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- **Question #5:** WHY does God choose to impute us to be in Christ?
- **Answer:** To focus our attention (our minds) so that we can use our indwelling **Eternal Life**, without interference from our 3 spiritual enemies
 - Col 3:1-3

CONCLUSION

- God has counted (imputed) the NT grace-believer to be placed into His Son's death, burial, resurrection, and heavenly seating:
 - Righteously – because of the great value of His Son's sacrificial death
 - Adequately – till we no longer need our position in Christ at our glorification
 - Purposefully – to enable us to fully grow in, and use, our salvation