

satisfaction of all, of the demands of the law. Christ accomplished this satisfaction, and God gave this righteousness to the sinner. Thus a sinner is declared to be righteous by God acting in the capacity of Judge, rather than in the capacity of Governor.

3. Justification includes the imputation of righteousness; particularly the righteousness of Christ.

a. The language of imputation in Scripture

(1) In the Old Testament the verb **בָּשַׁט** is used 123 times. The following meanings are given: "account, reckon, regard, think, impute, consider." This word is used in the following Scriptures.

Genesis 15:6 -- "Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness."

Leviticus 17:3-4 -- "Any man from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox, or a lamb, or a goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside the camp, and has not brought it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to present it as an offering to the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord, bloodguiltiness is to be reckoned to that man. He has shed blood and that man shall be cut off from among his people."

II Samuel 19:18-19 -- "And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king as he was about to cross the Jordan. So he said to the king, 'Let not my lord consider me guilty, nor remember what your servant did wrong on the day when my lord the king came out from Jerusalem, so that the king should take it to heart.'

Psalms 32:2 -- "How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit!"

Nehemiah 13:13 -- "And in charge of the storehouses I appointed Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and in addition to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered reliable, and it was their task to distribute to their kinsmen."

Psalms 44:22 -- "But for Thy sake we are killed all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

Proverbs 17:28 -- "Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is counted prudent."