

b. The meaning of imputation

It does not mean to impart something -- some stuff or quality -- to someone. It does not mean to treat someone in a certain way.

It is declaratory. It is a judgment made in the mind that may or may not be expressed outwardly. It means to charge or credit something to someone.

For example, to impute wicked motives to someone does not mean to impart those motives to that person, but to charge him with having wicked motives.

To impute selfishness to someone does not mean to make that person selfish, but to make a judgment that that person is selfish.

To impute greediness to someone does not mean to make that person greedy in character or conduct, but simply to look at a person's behavior and say, "That person is greedy."

c. The thing that is imputed in justification

Romans 3:21-22 -- "But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets; even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction."

Philippians 3:9 -- "and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith."

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

I Corinthians 1:30 -- "But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption."

Romans 5:17-19 -- "For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men; even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous."

Isaiah 61:10 -- "I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, My soul will exalt in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."