

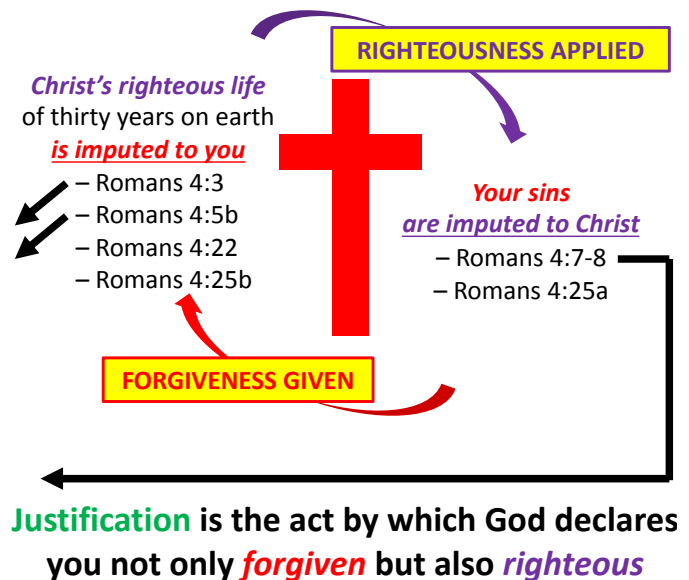
The only way that the catastrophic damage of Adam’s rebellion against his infinitely loving and holy and perfect Creator God could be dealt with – would be through a “Second Adam” who would reverse ALL of the damage and offer new life.

The Son of God willingly and lovingly and sacrificially came, therefore, into the world as the “Second Adam” – because in this way alone could He provide to those trapped “in Adam” with the only solution: **The Great *Double-Imputation* of Justification.**

ROMANS 4

- 1 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?
- 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.
- 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was **counted** to him as righteousness.”
- 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not **counted** as a gift but as his due.
- 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **counted** as righteousness,
- 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:
- 7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;
- 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not **count** his sin.”

The Great *Double-Imputation* of Justification



In **Romans chapters 4 and 5** Paul **progressively makes it abundantly clear** that **now that Christ has come** **salvation** is found only **in relationship to Him** – and **all of the Old Testament** was pointing forward to **Christ** and therefore to **this** salvation-reality. **Jesus** is the place where **all the promises of the Old Testament** are fulfilled – and for **Jew** and **Gentile** alike it is **faith-in-Christ** that is **the means** of receiving that **salvation**.

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The Great *Double-Imputation* of Justification

Christ's righteous life of thirty years on earth

is imputed to you

- Romans 4:3
- Romans 4:5b
- Romans 4:22
- Romans 4:25b

RIGHTEOUSNESS APPLIED



Your sins

are imputed to Christ

- Romans 4:7-8
- Romans 4:25a

FORGIVENESS GIVEN

Justification is the act by which God declares you not only *forgiven* but also *righteous NOW in your life* (the very moment you place faith in Jesus) – even though from the moment of your conversion until the moment of your death you will STILL SIN MUCH daily in your Christian life.

NOTE: BOTH of these realities (*forgiveness* and *the declaration of Christ's righteousness that has been applied to your life*) ARE ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL. One of them by itself would never accomplish our salvation!

Why not???

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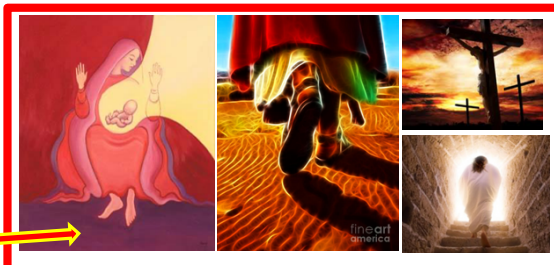
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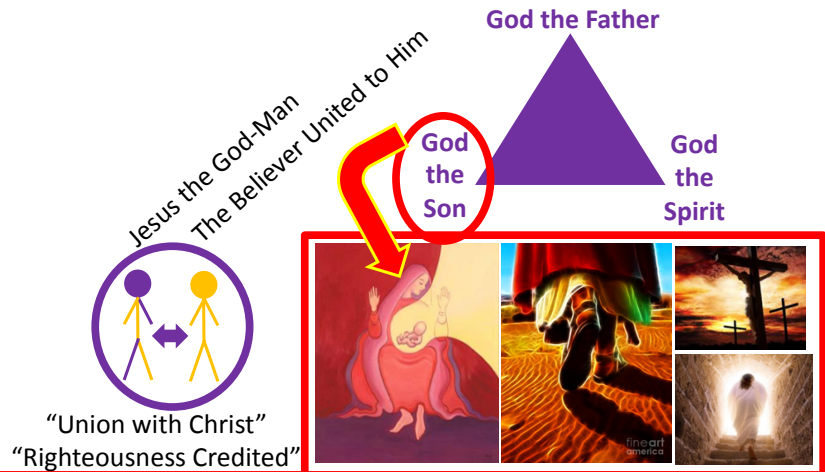
Since God is "Spirit" (for as John 4:24 states: ²⁴ "*God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*") – since God is Spirit and not "human" this means that prior to the coming of Christ into the world God had *no way of imputing His righteousness over to us. It was an impossibility due to God being Spirit and you and I being flesh.*

The only way this barrier could be overcome would be for God to somehow become "human" also so that *His righteousness could then be imputed over to sin-condemned "humans."* **JESUS DID THIS FOR US!**

God the Son

God the Spirit





The Eternally Existing INFINITE *Son of God* came as a baby in Mary by the action of the Spirit upon her body and *He became the GOD-MAN (truly God and truly man)* so that now finally the God who (1) could never be tempted to sin previously ... and who (2) could never die previously ... and who (3) could never transfer His holiness to a human previously -- COULD NOW (1) **face temptation** ... and (2) **die** ... and (3) **impute Divine Righteousness over to human beings**.

Philippians 3:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, *the Lord Jesus Christ*, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body **to be like His glorious body**, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

Acts 1:10–11

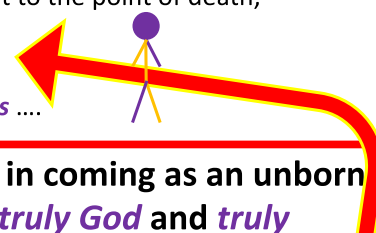
¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.**”

Philippians 2:5–8

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, **though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped**, ⁷ **but emptied Himself**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

1 Timothy 2:5 (ESV)

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, *the man Christ Jesus*



Be sure to grasp this REALITY! → The former “*Spirit-Only*” *Son of God* ... in coming as an unborn baby into Mary’s body to be born as a human baby in the first century (*truly God and truly human baby*) MADE THE HUGE SACRIFICE of from that moment on → **FOREVER MORE** ← **BEING A GOD-MAN WITH A BODY!** Right this moment in heaven at the right hand of God the Father – *Jesus* is there **STILL WITH THAT BODY** (now it is a “spiritual body”) which **HE NOW WILL NEVER BE SEPARATED FROM!!!!**

THIS was absolutely necessary so that in the process of saving His Bride from sin – He as God could now (in order to save His Bride) (1) **be tempted to sin** which previously it was impossible for God to do (James 1:13) and (2) **be able to actually die** which previously it was impossible for God to do (1 Timothy 1:17) and (3) **be able to have a human being “UNITED-TO-HIM”** (so as to impute righteousness to that person) which previously it was impossible for God to do.



NOW, because of this new *God-with-a-body* REALITY which is found in Jesus ... God can – through His Son – *impute over to human beings* the “*earned-righteousness*” that Jesus accomplished on behalf of His Bride as for 33 years He lived a perfectly righteous life for those whom the God the Father had given Him before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4-5; John 17:6).



Birthing by the Spirit → Tempted → Separated from God → Death

33 years of *completely righteous living on earth* in every possible way



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Having that “*earned-righteousness*” of Jesus available to be credited to us (as it were ... into our “spiritual bank account”) *IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY* for sinful people like us to ever be allowed to enter into *the Holy Presence of God!* And yet *NOW FINALLY* that *is possible* – all because of how *Jesus the God-Man* so perfectly accomplished on our behalf all of those years of “*perfectly-lived-righteousness*” as a human Himself here on earth!



So wonder-of-wonders ... Jesus will now *never again* be without a “body” as He is now the GOD-MAN *who, unlike God the Father and God the Spirit – God the Son, Jesus,* will now never again return back to His previous *Spirit-Only* existence!

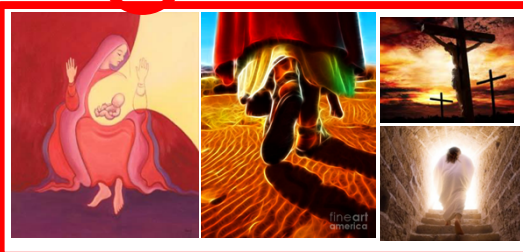
If Jesus were to now ever “shed” His humanity

--- our crucial ability of being “*united-to-Him*” for our salvation would *END IMMEDIATELY* because *without* our “*union-with-Christ*” our salvation for eternity *COULD NOT BE SUSTAINED!* *That is just how critical* Jesus’ willingness to sacrificially continue forever as the GOD-MAN “with-a-body” *IS* to our salvation!

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God the Son

God the Spirit



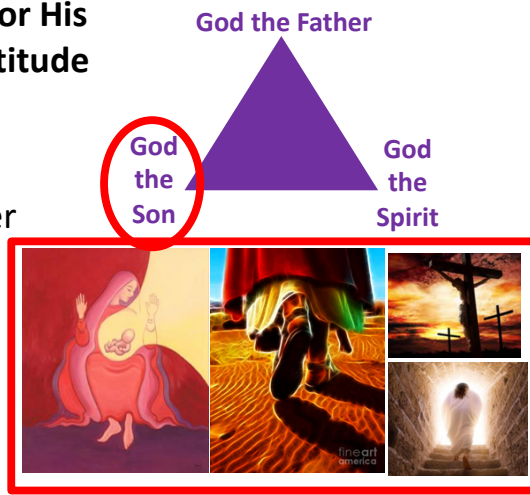
But it was Jesus' **GREAT JOY** to do all of this for His Bride! He did not do so with a begrudging attitude – but rather with a heart full of JOY!

Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)

² ... looking to **Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

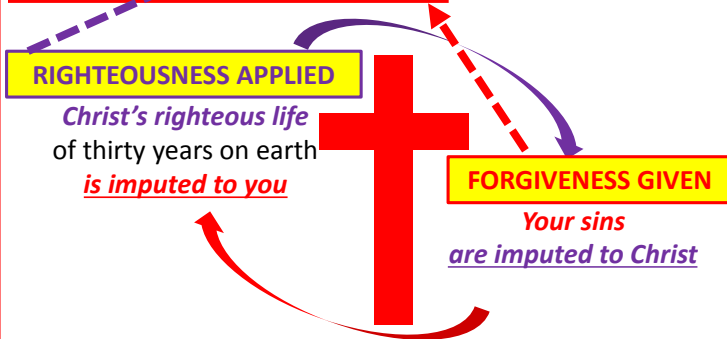
Hebrews 2:11b–15 (ESV)

¹¹ ... **That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers**, ¹² saying, **“I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.”** ¹³ And again, “I will put My trust in Him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given Me.” ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that **through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death**, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ **and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.**



Isaiah 53:11 (ESV)

¹¹ Out of the anguish of His soul **HE SHALL SEE AND BE SATISFIED**; by His knowledge shall **the righteous One**, My servant, **make many to be accounted righteous**, and **He shall bear their iniquities.**



John 14:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ “Do you not believe that **I am in the Father** and **the Father is in Me**? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works.”

John 14:11 (ESV)

¹¹ “Believe Me that **I am in the Father** and **the Father is in Me**, or else believe on account of the works themselves.”

John 14:20 (ESV)

²⁰ “In that day you will know that **I am in My Father**, and **you in Me**, and **I in you.**”

