

INTRODUCTION

1. LBC 11:1 Imputation is the method by wh/ believing sinners are credited w/ Jesus' righteousness.
2. 2C5:21 - not a change in us, but a change in our legal position in God's court.

1st: Justification and Reconciliation Are Synonymous

1. LBC 8:5 Christ procured reconciliation". Chpt 11 "On Justification"
2. Rm5:1-2 blessing of justif. v8-11 parallels w/ reconcil. v18 justif
3. Justif = legal declaration by Judge. Reconcil = removal of enmity - Rm 5:10
4. 2C5:20-21 imputation, crediting - justification/reconciliation

2nd: Imputation Must Be Distinguished From Infusion

1. Impute: credit to legal account: objective righteousness. Infuse: inject, saturate - subjective righteousness
2. RCC: infused grace; accrue merit/credit [by sacraments & works] & may be "become" righteous to be justified in Final Judgment. Gospel: God imputes Jesus' righteousness by grace to faith: now.
3. Justif does not *make* a man righteous by changing the man himself, but *declares* a man righteous; changing legal status of guilty to not guilty. Regeneration - sanctification - glorification = change the man himself!
 - i. Regenerated man believes & demonstrates his life by good works.
 - ii. Religion says: "do this in order to be be justif'd." Gospel: "B/c you are justif'd in Christ, do this: i.e. live life of faith."

- iii. Council of Trent, Canon 12 "If anyone says that justifying faith is nothg else but confidence in divine mercy wh/ for-gives sin for Christ's sake alone; or, that this confidence alone is that whereby we are justif'd, let him be anath-ema."

3rd: Imputation Is Exemplified in Abraham, the Believer - Rm 4:1-5

1. 2 methods are contrasted in verse 4; v5 contrasts faith & works.
2. God's method seen in Abraham - LBC 11:1
3. Rm 4:3 cites Gn 15:6 - v11 *righteousness is credited* when Ab believed.

Applic #1: We Must Ever Believe That We Are Forever Reconciled & Justified

1. Salvation by grace alone, thru faith alone, in Christ alone - 2C5:21
2. Come to LT & exercise faith in Jesus - Rm 4:25