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**TEXT:**

**Romans 4:8 | Philemon**

**TITLE:**

**Jargon**

noun: special words used by a particular group; difficult for others to understand

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness...blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

**Romans 4:5,8**

## **INTRODUCTION**

- how often do you think about where your food comes from...whether from the grocery store or a restaurant???

the farmer who cultivated, planted, watered?

the worker who harvested and gathered it?

the driver who loaded and shipped it?

the employee who sorted and stocked it?

the cook who prepared your meal?

the waitress, the dishwasher, etc.?

### **Isaiah 64:4**

...since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

- I could ask the same question about salvation? when was the last time you thought about **ALL** God provides in the moment of a person's salvation?

your sins are forgiven, cleansed, removed

your sins are imputed to Christ's account

you are converted as a child of God

you are made accepted in the beloved

you are given the Holy Spirit and sealed by Him

you receive the Spirit as your earnest of eternity

you are redeemed, regenerated, reconciled, justified

you are adopted and placed into the family of God

you are made a priest...situated in God's eternal plan

you are given access to God's throne

you are made a citizen of Heaven

you are translated into the kingdom of His dear son

you are delivered from the *penalty* of sin

you are delivered from the *power* of sin

you are made complete in Christ

your heart is circumcised unto God's Word

you are brought into fellowship with the saints

- thus, we take the time to define our terms...to slow down and consider **ALL** God has done in bringing you eternal life

### **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

# 1. A BIBLICAL DEFINITION

the word we are considering this morning:

**impute = to charge to the account of another**

consider having your brand new vehicle stolen...the police report is filed, an investigation, etc.

the guilty party is apprehended and the stolen vehicle is retrieved unharmed...

**justice:** guilty goes to jail

**Romans 3:23 All have sinned**

**forgiveness:** the case is dropped

**Romans 3:26 just and justifier**

**grace:** the guilty is given a new car

**Romans 3:25 remission of sins past**

**imputation:** the owner pays all the court costs, rehabilitation fees, and adopts the thief into his family whereby he promises to pay all future expenses

**Romans 3:22 righteousness of God unto all and upon all who believe**

## 2. A BROTHERLY DILEMMA

in **Philemon**, the Apostle Paul gives us an illustration of how **imputation** works in the life of the believer

**Philemon** and his family hosted the church in Colossae (**Colossians**)

Paul had led them to Christ

Philemon was wealthy and owned a slave named **Onesimus**...who had stolen from him and ran away to Rome

he met Paul through **Tychicus**

**Colossians 4:7**

Paul led Onesimus to Christ and so he wrote this letter asking for Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a brother, not as a slave

### **Philemon 17-19**

If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself. If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account; I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

now, Philemon has a dilemma:

if he forgives Onesimus, others will see it and might take advantage of his kindness

but as a Christian, he doesn't have a choice; Christ forgave his sins, so he must forgive Onesimus

...and Paul offers to pay all expenses

...that's imputation

...that's what Christ did for you

## **1 Peter 2:24**

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

### **3. A BLESSED DETERMINATION**

God's justice demands payment for sin

#### **Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin is death...

but rather than let us die in our sins, God sent His Son to die in our place and charge our sins to His account

#### **Romans 4:23-25**

Now it was not written for [Abraham's] sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

**ALL** of our sins...rotten, disgusting sins...were put on Christ who suffered and died as payment for them

#### **2 Corinthians 5:21**

For GOD hath made CHRIST to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

in **Romans 4**, Paul gave two examples, a *positive* one and a *negative* one

### **A. ABRAHAM** verses 1-5

Abraham believed what God told him to do in Ur...and he departed

**verse 4** people get money in their account because they worked for it

**verse 5** one's faith adds to his account because of the work of another (Christ)

...the ungodly

Abraham did nothing...

### **B. DAVID** verses 6-8

Paul quoted from **Psalms 32**

David had sinned with Bathsheba... and the Law said he had to die

**Leviticus 20:10**

God did not kill David, however... by grace, those sins were not added to David's account

they were added to Christ's

David sinned greatly...

if you have never been saved, it is possible to receive the free gift of salvation today...

if you have been saved, it is necessary to consider **ALL** God has done in your life...