"Imputation"

"How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!" (Psalm 32:1-2 NHSB)

The Righteousness of Abraham

<u>Genesis 15:6</u> – "And (*Abraham*) believed the LORD, and (*God*) counted (*fabricate, think, regard, value, compute*) it to him as righteousness."

Romans 4:23-25 – (23) But the words 'it was counted to him' were not written for his sake alone, (24) but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, (25) who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification (acquittal)."

The Righteousness of Another

<u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u> – "For our sake he made him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

<u>2 Peter 2:7-8</u> - (7) "...(God) rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (8) (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard)"

Genesis 18:17-18 – (17) "The LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, (18) seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

Key Point: I'm Right in God's Sight by Faith in Christ

Response:

(1) Continue in Faith

"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. (Colossians 1:21-23)

(2) Take the Galatians 5:13 Supplement

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message? Am I hounded by a sense of never measuring up? Do I have a boastful, religious tendency? (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 9:31-32, 10:3-4; 1 Cor. 1:31)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)