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“The Objective of Imputation”

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”

(Philippians 3:12 NKJV)

Imputation & Regeneration - Job

Job 1:8 – “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?’”

Job 9:21 – “I am blameless; I regard not myself; I loathe my life.”

Job 42:5-6 – (5) “I had heard of you (*God*) by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; (6) therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

Key Point: Imputation is for Reputation & Transformation

Imputation & Degeneration - Lot

Genesis 19:17-23, 30-32 – (17) “And as they brought them out, one said, ‘Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.’ (18) And Lot said to them, ‘Oh, no, my lords. (19) Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die. (20) Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!’ (21) He said to him, ‘Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. (22) Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there.’ Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. (23) The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. (30) Now Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to live in Zoar. So he lived in a cave with his two daughters. (31) And the firstborn said to the younger, ‘Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. (32) Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father.’”

Response:

**“we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.”
(2 Corinthians 6:1)**

“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I understand that the imputed righteousness of Christ is a means to conformity to Christ? (Romans 8:29)

Am I holding on to a ‘Zoar’ in my life? (Gen. 19:20; Song of Solomon 2:15; Gal. 5:9)

Is my faith living and transformative? (James 2:17-18; Gal. 5:6; 2 Peter 1:5-11)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)