

THE MEANING OF IMPUTATION

To "impute" means to attribute or reckon or ascribe something to someone. It is not mere influence but involvement that is at the heart of the concept. To impute, then, is the putting over to someone or the reckoning to their account what is not antecedently that person's.

THREE BASIC IMPUTATIONS

A. The imputation of Adam's sin to the race.

Rom. 5:12 "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned."

B. The imputation of man's sin to Christ

II Cor. 5:19,21 "That is that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation...For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us..."

C. The imputation of Christ's righteousness to believers

II Cor. 5:21 "...that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

I Peter 2:24 "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.

A COMPARISON OF HOW INHERITED AND IMPUTED SIN ARE TRANSMITTED

