

YT Video-Abrahamic Faith & Righteousness

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Text [KJV unless otherwise indicated]

Zec 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

Zec 3:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

Zec 3:3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and stood before the angel.

Zec 3:4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.**

Zec 3:5 And I said, let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So, they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

Zec 3:6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

Zec 3:7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

I. Change of Garments

In the Zechariah passage quoted earlier, Joshua the High Priest is pictured as clothed in filthy garments but has his iniquity taken away from him and was given a change of clothing.

a. Our righteousness: filthy rags-

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

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From an unused root meaning to set a period (compare H5710 and H5749); the menstrual flux (as periodical); by implication (in plural) soiling: - filthy.

b. Garment of Salvation & Robe of Righteousness

Isa 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; **for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

c. Good Works

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 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.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

d. Church at Laodicea

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

e. Work out your own Salvation

Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

II. The Glorious Exchange

“The doctrine of imputation teaches that in the doctrine of justification, God imputes or accredits the righteousness and suffering of Jesus to those who are in him and, conversely, imputes the sins of those redeemed to Christ. The 16th century Protestant reformer, Martin Luther, called this double imputation the “glorious exchange.” What is ours becomes Christ’s and what is Christ’s becomes ours”
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-doctrine-of-imputation/>

“When Paul develops the doctrine of justification by faith alone, he is saying that when God counts somebody righteous on the basis of faith, it is not because He looks at them and sees that they are inherently righteous. Rather, they have been clothed by the imputation, or transfer, of the righteousness of Christ to that person by faith.

This is why we say that the single meritorious cause of our salvation is the transfer, or counting, of Jesus’ righteousness for me. Not only did He die to pay the penalty for my sins, but He lived a perfect life of obedience and fulfilled the law for those who put their trust in Him. This is what we’re talking about in imputation. That was the single, central, most important point of the sixteenth century Reformation.”-R C Sproul, <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/qas/what-is-imputed-righteousness/>

III. Abraham's Faith

Gen 15:3 *And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.*

Gen 15:4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

Gen 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

*Gen 15:6 **And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.***

IV. Imputed Righteousness

H2803: *châshab*
khaw-shab'

*A primitive root; properly to plait or interpenetrate, that is, (literally) to weave or (generally) to fabricate; figuratively to plot or contrive (usually in a malicious sense); hence (from the mental effort) to think, regard, value, compute: - (make) account (of), conceive, consider, **count**, cunning (man, work, workman), devise, esteem, find out, forecast, hold, imagine, **impute**, invent, be like, mean, purpose, **reckon** (-ing be made), regard, think.*

Septuagint: G3049

logizomai
log-id'-zom-ahee

Middle voice from G3056; to take an inventory, that is, estimate (literally or figuratively): - conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

Rom 4:19 *And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:*

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

*Rom 4:22 And therefore **it was imputed to him for righteousness.***

Rom 4:23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

Rom 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead

Rom 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification.

Paul used exactly the same Greek word [logizomai] as the Septuagint, translated as “imputed” in English. Our faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ will result in His righteousness being imputed [credited] to our account.

V. What Kind of Faith Did Abraham have?

H539: 'âman
aw-man'

A primitive root; properly to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; figuratively to render (or be) firm or **faithful, to trust or believe**, to be permanent or quiet; morally to be true or certain; once (in Isa_30:21; by interchange for H541) to go to the right hand: - hence assurance, believe, bring up, establish, + fail, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.

- a. In Ge 15:6 Abraham believed and Ge 22:18 God says he obeyed by preparing to sacrifice Isaac.
- b. In Ge 17:26, 27 he carried out God's call to circumcise the males.
- c. Gen 26:5 records that He would bless Isaac & his descendants:

"Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

- d. Abraham's obedience did not "save" him, but his obedience was the outworking of his faith, as ours also should be

VI. Aman = Pisteuo

The Septuagint (LXX) translates aman in Genesis 15:6 with the Greek verb pisteuo which, like aman, represents not just a mental assent (one has to of course first have a mental apprehension or grasp of the truth) to the truth but must include:

1. a firm conviction producing a full acknowledgement of God's revelation or truth
2. a personal surrender to that truth (ultimately "truth" is a Person - Christ = Jn 14:6) and
3. a conduct inspired by that surrender. [W E Vine]
https://www.preceptaustin.org/hebrew_definitions

VII. The Greek Word Pisteuo

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

G4100 pisteuō

pist-yoo'-o

From G4102; to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), that is, credit; by implication to entrust (especially one's spiritual well being to Christ): - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

- a. The English word "believe" does not capture the real meaning of the Greek/Hebrew. More crucial meanings include:
- b. **To commit:**

Joh 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

Joh 2:24 But **Jesus did not commit himself unto them**, because he knew all men,

Joh 2:25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

c. **To trust:**

Luk 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will **commit to your trust** the true riches?

d. **To obey:**

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

G544: apeitheō

ap-i-theh'-o

From G545; to disbelieve (wilfully and perversely): - not believe, **disobedient, obey not, unbelieving.**

VIII. **God is Aman [Faithful]**

Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the **faithful** ["aman"] God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations

Deu 7:10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

IX. **God's Word is Aman [trustworthy]**

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is **sure** ["aman"], making wise the simple.

X. **Imputation Is Not Impartation**

1Jn 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.**

Tit 1:16 **They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.**

a. We must walk in righteousness

b. Our lives [works] must be in line with our profession of faith