

**Logistics Are Imputed to Believers' +R, Matt 6:31-34; 2 Cor 9:8; the Encapsulated Grace Pipeline; Judicial Imputation of God's Righteousness, 2 Cor 5:21**

- 22) The principle of divine provision is stated in several passages:

**Matthew 6:31** - "Do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'"

**v. 32** - "For the heathen keep intensively striving [ἐπιζητέω, *epizēteō*: the prefix *epi-* intensifies the search] for these things; for your heavenly Father has always known that you need them [ **omniscience in eternity past knew of the need and provides it through the grace pipeline for believers in a predetermined plan** ].

**v. 33** - "But seek first the kingdom of God [idiomatic for the spiritual advance] and His righteousness [experiential sanctification] and all these things will be supplied [προστίθῃμι, *prostithēmi*: predictive future: an event expected to occur in future time; passive voice: the believer receives the action through divine Services of Supply] to you [through the grace pipeline] for your advantage [execution of the plan of God].

**v. 34** - "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will take care of itself. Today has enough trouble of its own."

**2 Corinthians 9:8** - And God is able to make all grace abound toward you for the purpose that at all times, always having all sufficiency [πᾶς ἀνάρκεια, *pas autarkia*: to possess enough of everything so as to be self-supporting] in all things [logistical grace both spiritual & material], you may abound in every good work [grace giving].

- 23) Logistical grace is divine provision to believers designed to sustain them on the battlefield of the Invisible War.
- 24) The war that rages is in the souls of men; the artillery is thought and success is based on the size of one's spiritual arsenal in two categories: (1) establishment truth and (2) doctrinal absolutes.
- 25) Maintaining Christian soldiers in the theater of operations is the promised duty of God and therefore logistics are supplied without reference to any human energy, activity, works, sacrifice, talent, ability, intelligence, fame, fortune, behavior, morality, penance, wrongdoing, sinfulness, failure, and spiritual advance or retrogression.
- 26) The justice of God is not able to bless fallen mankind. Even though saved, the believer continues to possess a sinful nature and by means of his free will chooses to submit to its temptations and because of this continues to sin.
- 27) So that divine integrity is not compromised, God must develop a means to bless and reward the believer.
- 28) Because all sins were judged on the cross and because all postsalvation sins were forgiven at salvation, the justice of God is free to impute to the new believer His own righteousness.
- 29) The *sine quo non* for the function of the grace pipeline is the judicial imputation of God's perfect righteousness to anyone who believes in Christ for salvation.
- 30) Thus to appreciate the grace factor of logistical support it is important to understand principles of imputed righteousness.

## The Judicial Imputation of God's Righteousness

1. At salvation we exchange our personal sins for the perfect righteousness of God imputed to us. This is taught in:

**2 Corinthians 5:21** - God made Jesus Who knew no sin to be sin as a substitute for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God through Him.

The word "imputation" needs to be defined:

**Simpson, D. P. (comp.).** *Cassell's Latin and English Dictionary.* (New York: Macmillan Publishing Co., 1963), 111:

**Imputo.** Enter in an account; to reckon as a merit; to reckon as a service done or gift given.

**Muller, Richard A.** *Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms.* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1985), 149:

**Imputatio:** Christ's payment for sin is imputed to the faithful, who could not of themselves make payment; the unrighteous are counted righteous on the grounds of their faith.

**Thieme, R. B., Jr.** *Unpublished notes.*

**Imputation.** The English noun is derived from the Latin verb IMPUTARI, meaning to reckon, to attribute, to ascribe, to charge to one's account. An act of God whereby either condemnation or blessing is ascribed, attributed, reckoned, given, or imposed on the human race.

**Principle:** That which is imputed cannot be revoked:

**Romans 11:29** - The gracious gifts [ **through the grace pipeline** ] and election [ **salvation** ] from God are irrevocable. (Also see Romans 5:12-21)

2. This imputation is classified as "judicial" which is defined by:  
*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v.:*  
**Judicial 2:** Ordered or enforced by a court. **4:** Arising from a judgment of God.
3. The court is the Supreme Court of Heaven. The judgment of God is a divine imputation based on the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ on behalf of the entire human race.
4. Our sins were judged in Christ on the cross. He satisfied the righteousness of God by doing so in sinless perfection. We satisfy the justice of God by believing in His Person and work.
5. Since these imputations are the result of judicial decisions then we discover there is no affinity between what is imputed and the target of the imputation.
6. The perfect humanity of Jesus has no affinity with our sins and God's righteousness has no affinity with sinful mankind. The former is documented by 2 Corinthians 5:21a, "He Who knew no sin became sin for us." The latter is documented by 2 Corinthians 5:21b, "so that we might become the righteousness of God through Him."