

# 08-12 Lecture: Doctrine of Imputed Sin, Justice, and Grace

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## Sermon Outline: The Doctrine of Imputed Sin, Justice, and Grace

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### I. Introduction and Preparation for Fellowship

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- **Opening Remarks & Welcome**
    - Greeting congregation, emphasizing fellowship and concentration on the Word.
  - **Confession and Fellowship**
    - *Scripture Reference:* 1 John 1:9
      - Exegetical Note: Confession restores fellowship with God, not salvation.
    - Encouragement to focus and prepare hearts for doctrinal study.
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### II. Review: The Old Sinful Nature

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- Recap of previous lesson on the old sin nature and its components.
  - Importance of doctrinal vocabulary for understanding and teaching.
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### III. The Fairness and Purpose of Imputed Sin

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- **Key Question:**
    - “How is it fair that Adam’s sin is imputed to all humanity?”
  - **Doctrinal Principle:**
    - Imputation of Adam’s sin is a grace act, qualifying all for salvation.
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### IV. Scriptural Foundation for Universal Condemnation

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- **Romans 11:32**
    - “For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.”
    - *Exegetical Note*: Universal condemnation precedes universal offer of mercy.
  - **Doctrine:**
    - Condemnation must precede salvation; imputation of Adam’s sin creates the potential for salvation.
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## V. The Age of Accountability and Divine Justice

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- **Principle:**
    - Children dying before accountability are saved by God’s justice.
  - **Doctrine:**
    - God’s justice cannot condemn without opportunity for faith in Christ.
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## VI. The Justice and Righteousness of God

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- **Essence of God:**
    - God is perfectly just and righteous; cannot overlook sin.
    - *Exegetical Note*: Propitiation—Christ’s work satisfies God’s justice.
  - **Illustration:**
    - Adam and Eve’s sins: Adam sinned knowingly (disobedience), Eve was deceived.
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## VII. The Transmission of Sin and Spiritual Death

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- **Doctrine:**
    - Adam’s original sin is imputed at birth; the old sin nature is transmitted genetically.
  - **Genesis Reference:**
    - “You shall surely die”—spiritual death, not immediate physical death.
  - **Adam’s State Post-Fall:**
    - Lost spirit (fellowship), gained old sin nature and imputed sin.
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## VIII. God's Role in Sin and Creation

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- **Principle:**
    - God is not the author of sin; Adam is.
    - *Exegetical Note:* The soul is created perfect, corrupted only by the old sin nature.
  - **Angelic Conflict:**
    - Satan as the first sinner; Adam responsible for human fall.
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## IX. Federal Headship and Imputation

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- **Doctrine:**
    - Adam as federal head; his sin imputed to all humanity.
  - **Scripture Reference:**
    - 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (NLT)
      - “Death came into the world through a man... resurrection through another man.”
    - *Exegetical Note:* Adam's sin brings death; Christ brings life.
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## X. Distinction Between Adam's and Eve's Sin

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- **Scripture Reference:**
    - 1 Timothy 2:13-14
      - “Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived...”
    - *Exegetical Note:* Adam's volitional disobedience is the basis for imputation.
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## XI. The Law, Sin, and Grace

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- **Scripture Reference:**
    - Romans 5:12-17 (NLT)
      - Sin entered through Adam; grace and forgiveness through Christ.
    - *Exegetical Note:* Sin existed before the Mosaic Law; law made sin explicit.
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## XII. The Work of Christ: Propitiation and Imputed

# Righteousness

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- **Doctrine:**
    - Christ's righteousness imputed to believers; God sees Christ, not our sin.
    - *Illustration:* Courtroom analogy—Jesus as our advocate and substitute.
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## XIII. The Nature of Christ's Humanity

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- **Doctrine:**
    - Jesus: 100% God, 100% man; no inherited sin nature due to virgin birth.
    - *Exegetical Note:* No transmission of sin via sexual intercourse/DNA.
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## XIV. The Believer's New Position

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- **Doctrine:**
    - Believers possess body, soul, and restored spirit (Holy Spirit indwelling).
    - Adam's original sin forgiven; old sin nature remains until physical death.
    - *Principle:* The struggle between flesh and spirit (Galatians 5:17 implied).
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## XV. The Importance of Doctrinal Understanding

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- **Application:**
    - Knowing the doctrine equips believers to resist the old sin nature.
    - Repetition and vocabulary deepen understanding and recall.
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## XVI. The Superiority of the Believer's Position

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- **Doctrine:**
    - Believers are priests and ambassadors; possess privileges Adam did not.
    - *Illustration:* Old Testament priests vs. Church Age believers.
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## XVII. Examples of Biblical Heroes and the Old Sin

# Nature

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- **Principle:**
    - Even great biblical figures fell to the old sin nature.
    - Daily choice: walk by the Spirit or by the flesh.
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## XVIII. Adoption and Sonship

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- **Scripture Reference:**
    - Romans 8:14-18 (NLT)
      - Led by the Spirit; adopted as sons and daughters; heirs with Christ.
    - *Exegetical Note:* “Abba Father”—unique privilege of Church Age believers.
    - *Principle:* Suffering now, future glory promised.
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## XIX. The Hope and Security of the Believer

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- **Scripture Reference:**
    - Romans 8:28-30 (NLT)
      - God works all things for good; foreknowledge and predestination explained.
    - *Exegetical Note:* Free will affirmed; God's foreknowledge, not coercion.
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## XX. Responsibilities of Sonship

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- **Doctrine:**
    - Freedom from bondage; confidence and security in relationship with God.
    - Privileges: sonship, inheritance, royal priesthood.
    - Responsibilities: reflect God's likeness, love others, operate in royal family honor code.
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## XXI. The Old Sin Nature as a Reminder

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- **Scripture Reference:**
    - Romans 7 (implied)
      - Paul's struggle with sin; old sin nature reminds us of our need for Christ.
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## XXII. The Covering of Sin: Fig Leaves vs. Animal Skins

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- **Genesis Reference:**
    - Adam and Eve's attempt to cover with leaves; God provides animal skins.
    - *Exegetical Note:* Animal sacrifice foreshadows Christ's atonement; human solutions insufficient.
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## XXIII. Closing and Prayer

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- **Encouragement:**
    - Invitation for questions; assurance of grace and understanding.
    - Closing prayer, gratitude for God's provision and guidance.
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## Scripture References (Chronological Order)

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1. **1 John 1:9**– Confession and fellowship
  2. **Romans 11:32**– Universal disobedience and mercy
  3. **Genesis (implied)**– Adam's sin and spiritual death
  4. **1 Corinthians 15:21-22**– Death through Adam, life through Christ
  5. **1 Timothy 2:13-14**– Adam's disobedience, Eve's deception
  6. **Romans 5:12-17**– Sin and grace, Adam and Christ
  7. **Romans 8:14-18**– Adoption, sonship, heirs with Christ
  8. **Romans 8:28-30**– God's purpose, foreknowledge, predestination
  9. **Romans 7 (implied)**– Paul's struggle with sin
  10. **Genesis (implied)**– Fig leaves vs. animal skins
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## Exegetical Notes (As Presented)

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- **\*\*Imputation:\*\*** Adam's sin imputed at birth; old sin nature transmitted genetically.
- **\*\*Justice of God:\*\*** Propitiation required; Christ's work satisfies justice.
- **\*\*Federal Headship:\*\*** Adam as representative; Christ as new head.
- **\*\*Sonship:\*\*** Unique privilege of Church Age; "Abba Father" denotes intimacy.

- **Free Will:** God's foreknowledge respects human volition.
  - **Covering of Sin:** Animal sacrifice as type of Christ's atonement.
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## Application and Responsibilities

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- **Know the doctrine:** Equip yourself to resist the old sin nature.
  - **Embrace privileges:** Sonship, priesthood, ambassador status.
  - **Fulfill responsibilities:** Reflect God's likeness, love, and operate in royal family honor code.
  - **Live in hope:** Await future glory, secure in God's promises.
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## Conclusion

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- **Summary:**
    - The imputation of Adam's sin is a grace act, qualifying all for salvation.
    - Christ's work on the cross satisfies God's justice, imputes righteousness to believers, and grants privileges and responsibilities far surpassing Adam's original state.
    - The old sin nature remains as a reminder of our need for Christ, but does not condemn the believer.
    - Our position as sons, daughters, priests, and ambassadors is secured by faith, not by works.
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**End with prayer and invitation for further questions and study.**