



Introduction

We now continue in the State of Nature. This is what man is after sin came into the world through one man.

Image of God

- Structure retained
 - The will, conscience, speech
 - Corrupted, but retained
- Functions lost
 - The use of the structures toward God, neighbor, and creation
 - Thoroughly corrupted.
- Imputation
 - To put something on someone's account whether it is required of him or is to his benefit.

Mediate Imputation

- Adam's sin is not directly imputed to us by God, but rather indirectly by something else.
- Did not want to attribute God with imputing guilt to someone who was not actually guilty
- Objections
 - Corruption is a result of sin, not the basis
 - We are not guilty of the sins of our parents
 - No real biblical evidence, especially in Romans 5
 - What is said about Christ's incarnation?

Realism

- This is the theory that all souls are really portions of one wholistic soul. They are all the same substance, but only manifestly personal in relation to the body.
- The guilt we have is actually from our sin.
- The Vulgate rendered the last section of Romans 5:12 as "in whom all sinned" rather than "because all sinned"
- Objections
 - The soul is nowhere said to be one of a whole and split into parts. This was refuted in one of our earlier lessons.

Immediate Imputation

- Adam is mankind's natural head and representative. His transgression was as our representative and because of that, sin is imputed to all his progeny directly.
- Imputation rests on the covenantal relation, and we stand in such a covenantal relation only to Adam and not to others.



- Romans 5:12-18
 - Sin is not “counted” where there is no law
 - The parallel between Adam and Christ. Sin came to all men through Adam, salvation came to all men through Christ.