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IMPUTATION AND SUBSTITUTION - 2C5:21

INTRODUCTION

1. Remember unified salvation by Triune God: Father loves, Son redeems, Spirit applies - <u>2C5:21</u>.

1st: Substitutionary Limited Atonement

- 1. What of "universal" verses like 1Jn 2:2? Does world = every individual?
 - i. Arminius: limits the effect of the atonement makes salvation possible but, in effect, saves no one in particular.
 - ii. Calvin: limits extent of atonement actual salvation of particular people.
- 2. Substitutionary sinbearer: takes place of & assumes function & treatment.
 - i. OCov sacrificial system mediates for God's worshiping people.
 - ii. Jesus' cross described w/ vocab of OCov sacrificial system. Grk prepositions indicate substitution.
 - iii. <u>Hb 9:12</u> having obtained not "having made obtainable." Jn 17:4; 19:30
- 3. Salvation is for us personally Gal 2:20

2nd: Be Averse to Any Aversion to Imputation

- 1. RCC Trent [1545-1563] Canon 11: If anyone says that men are justified either by the sole imputation of the justice [righteousness] of Christ or by the sole remission of sins, to the exclusion of the grace and the charity [love] which is poured forth [infused] in their hearts by the Holy Ghost & remains in them, or also that the grace by wh/ we are justified is only the good will [sovereign grace] of God, let him be anathema. Counter-Reformation.
- 2. A Protestant aversion to imputation counter careless, "easybelievism".
 - i. What of Rm 2:13; Jms 2:24.? Good works evidence living faith.
 - ii. <u>Jms 2:21-24</u> Ab's faith was perfected [Gn 22] a faith seen in Gn 15:6

- 3. We are justified already IN CHRIST alone whose righteousness is imputed to us by grace alone "solas" make all the difference & make us Protestants.
 - i. Biblical salvation gives place to regeneration & sanctification [good works] w/ hope of resurrection & rewards given in Final Judgment.
 - ii. Thomas Chalmers, 19th c: 'I would have every preacher insist strenuously on these 2 docts: a present justif by grace, thru faith alone & a future jdgmnt according to works. All faithful ministers have made use of both, that they might guard equally against the peril of self-righteous legalism, on the one hand & of practical antinomianism, on the other hand."
- 4. Liable to imbalance today tilt to antinomian; carelessness. Rm 3:8, 31; 6:1. Why was Paul accused of antinomianism? Rm 4:5; 5:1, 6, 8-11
- **5.** We are saved by sovereign grace apart from works: imputation & substitution: Rm 4:23-25. 2C5:21.