## Righteousness by Faith

Rom.1:17; Gal.3:11; Heb. 10:38

# Two Necessary Miracles ("Double Imputation")

2 Corinthians 5:2

- Christ takes our sin
- Christ gives his righteousness

# What is righteousness?

- An attribute of God- Ps 22:31; 40:10; 145:17
- Obedience to the law (covenant)- 1 John 5:17; Romans 2:13; 6:16; 8:4
- Essential for salvation 1 Cor. 6:9; Gal 5:2; Eph.5:5; Heb.12:14; Is.35:18; Rom 1:18; 28
- We are not righteous-Romans 3:10, 20; 23
- Christ is- Hebrews 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:21

#### What is Faith?

- Not just believing in God- James 2:19
- Does not earn salvation- Eph. 2:9; Lk 17:10
- Credited as righteousness-Rom.4:3; Gen.15:6
- Faith in what? Christ's righteousness! Rom. 1:16-17;3:21-31; 4:1-25; 9:30-32;10:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:30-31 Gal. 1:6; 11-24; 2:15-16, 2:20-21; 3:1-29; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21

## Consider how salvation works as outlined in *Ephesians 2:1-10*

- We were dead in sin (1-3).
- But **God loves** us (4) and **made us alive** with Christ(5).
- We are saved by grace through faith (8) and not by works(9) but for good works(10).

What is the human condition before and after receiving grace? What is the true role of grace, faith, and works? How is each love? How does this relate to keeping God's commandments/law?

Grace gives it! Faith receives it!

Grace vs. Works: Works are the fruit not the root!

**Justification:** When a sinner puts their faith in Christ, God declares them righteous by the merits of Christ's righteousness. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Sanctification:** The Holy Spirit leads in the life of the justified believer to develop a character increasingly more like God's holy character. (Ephesians 2:10)