**Q70. How is Jesus our righteousness?**

His perfect life of obedience is credited to us. God sees Christ’s righteousness when He looks on those who are saved.

1. What is justification?
2. What is imputation?
3. Why must we be declared justified before God?
4. Why must we be imputed Christ’s righteousness?
5. In Scott’s lecture, he said, “no other religion offers this.” Why does the doctrine of justification and imputation set Christianity apart from other world religions?
6. Why should we regard imputed righteousness as good news?
7. Why must we believe and affirm justification, imputation, and faith?
8. Read Romans 4:3-5:
   1. Notice that verse 4 says, “now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.”
      1. What does this mean?
      2. How should this caution us against false teachings that maintain that our righteousness is a mixture of faith and works?
9. Why did Luther hate this verse of scripture and ones similar to it prior to understanding justification by faith alone?
   1. Matthew 5:48 says “You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
   2. How does Isaiah 64:6 help us answer the question?
10. If we are justified unto the ability to work for God and we can still lose our standing and be cast into hell, what does this do to the atonement of Christ?

Spend time in prayer.