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## THE IMPUTATION OF PERSONAL SIN TO CHRIST

The term ONLY BEGOTTEN of John 3:16 mean UNIQUELY BORN SON, a term that refers to Christ perfect humanity. We are all born facsimiles of Adam after the Fall, that is why we share his original sin by real imputation and his nature by genetic transmission, consequently, we share his spiritual death.

The Lord Jesus Christ was born a facsimile or type of Adam before the Fall. Adam was created perfect; our Lord was born perfect, without the corruption of the sin nature.

The mother of Christ's humanity, the Virgin Mary was born spiritually dead. She was not immaculate, sinless, or perfect. She is not the mother of God. God is eternal, has no source, and has no origin and no mother! Mary like every member of the human race was a sinner in need of a Savior. Her body was a body of corruption, her genes and chromosomes carried the sin nature. After Christ was born, Mary bore at least six other children by Joseph through normal procreation (Matthew 13:55-56). All were born spiritually dead possessing OSN, which they received through their father.

Mary was not the miracle but the virgin birth of Christ. Mary did not remain a virgin. The miracle was that the Holy Spirit provided 23 perfect chromosomes to fertilize her normal and pure ovum. She conceived apart from the contamination carried by male sperm. Her pregnancy was a virgin pregnancy – it was totally free from the corruption of Adam's sinful trend. The real issue here is the virgin pregnancy of Christ not the virginity of Mary. Christ was born without a human father; Joseph was not even Christ's stepfather yet he took the privilege of nurturing the Lord in the Word of God.

When the fetus, as biological life emerged from Mary's womb, God the Father imputed soul life to its genetically prepared home, Christ's format soul. The result was a human life at birth, as it would have been with any other member of the human race. Christ was born true humanity, He was not just a true humanity but also a perfect humanity qualified to represent mankind before God.

But at the same moment, when the justice of God would normally impute Adam's original sin to a newly born infant, no such imputation was possible because Christ had no genetically formed sin nature. Adam's sin had no home in Christ's physical body. There was no affinity between Christ and Adams' original sin because, through the virgin pregnancy, Christ was not seminally in Adam<sup>1</sup>.

The birth of Christ was unique. He was born both physically and spiritually alive. He was the only perfect being born into this world. The other perfect being was created (Adam) in a perfect environment. Christ was born in the midst of totally depraved mankind. He was the

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only free Man ever to enter Satan's world. Free from the devil's dictatorship, free from sovereignty of OSN, free from the imputation of Adam's sin, and totally free from the condemnation of spiritual death.

The Greek word MONOGENES in John 3:16 is not "only begotten" Son but "uniquely born" Son. Christ is only person who entered Satan's world in perfect condition. He has to be perfect since God can accept only a perfect sacrifice according to His own standard and criteria. He was without blemish of sin nature and without the spot of Adam's trends.

While the love of God motivated the gift of the Savior, the justice of God had to judge our sins in Jesus Christ as our Substitute, and the perfect righteousness of God had to find Him an acceptable sacrifice.

Christ was perfect at birth but He also had to be perfect when He reached the cross, thus, our Lord could not commit any personal sin during His life on earth. In His humanity He could be tempted and could have sinned. In His deity, however, neither could He be tempted nor could He commit sin. He was TEMPTABLE BUT IMPECCABLE.

Through His positive human volition He was able to avoid sin when He was tempted as a man. In his divine essence, the integrity of God meant sin was completely out of questions. HE WAS ABLE NOT TO SIN AND NOT ABLE TO SIN.

Like perfect Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ could fail only in one way, and that is by committing an act of negative volition to the Father's plan for the Incarnation. That is why; Satan intensified his efforts to prevent the cross by putting the free will volition of the Lord's humanity repeatedly to severe testing (Matthew 4:1-11, Hebrews 4:15).

He was tempted far beyond anything we will ever face. The recorded temptations are but a few of the traps and snares that Satan brutally and persistently laid in His path. Unlike the woman in the Garden whose ignorance of doctrine made her vulnerable to Satan's wiles, Christ remained absolutely obedient to the Father's plan all the way to the cross (Luke 22:42). He was the only Person in the entire history of man who did not disobey the plan, the purpose and will of the Father, a proof of His perfection.

Jesus Christ is God's gift to mankind. He is acceptable to the righteousness and justice of God. Adam's original sin was totally foreign to our Lord and was not imputed to Him at birth. Our sins had no place in Him on the cross. Thus, when the justice of God the Father imputed our sins to Him, it was a judicial imputation. Each judicial imputation is incomplete until God takes action to complete it - judicial verdict always follow.

When the sins of mankind were charged to the impeccable humanity of Christ, the justice of God had to take action; He judged the Lord Jesus Christ. God's judgment of our sins in Christ, including Adam's original sin, wiped our slate clean: we need only to accept this divine action in our behalf through non-meritorious faith in Christ who took our place.

God the father loved the Son on the cross with a love beyond anything we can imagine. Since eternity past their love rapport never diminished. But for the sake of man, God forsook Christ on the cross. The cross was an act of justice.

Love motivated the gift of Christ as a substitute sacrifice for our sins, then the justice imputed our sins to Christ: Righteousness rejected our sins, justice judged them. This was

the greatest act that God could possibly have performed in demonstration of His matchless character.

Satan thought he had scored a victory when man Adam in the Garden. Satan seized the scepter of the world but God finessed him out of every advantage by condemning the entire human race in Adam. By it we receive our so great a salvation (Hebrews 2:3) and God demonstrates the remarkable and fascinating wisdom of His justice. Much more, we are now in a position to be blessed in a phenomenal way, even in the midst of the devil's world.