

## God's Righteousness Imputed at Salvation: Example of Abram, Gen 15:6; the Grace Pipeline Is Encapsulated from Human Works; a Fortiori Argument

7. The imputation of divine righteousness to anyone who believes is consistent through all dispensations as is documented by:  
**Genesis 15:6 - He [ Abram ] already had been caused to believe [ Hiphil causative perfect of אָמַן 'aman: with results that last forever ] in Jehovah. And He kept on crediting [ Qal imperfect of חָשַׁב chashav: to reckon ] it [ Abram's faith ] to his account for righteousness.**
8. The verb *chashav* refers to accounting procedures and is so defined in:  
**Botterweck, G. Johannes and Helmer Ringgren (eds.). *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*. (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1986), 5:232, 234, 243:**  
**חָשַׁב chashav.** In the translations of the LXX [the Septuagint] ... in three quarters of all the *chashav* passages, the verb is represented by *logizesthai* and its compounds and used as a technical term for "mercantile accounting": "to calculate." (p. 232)  
*Fixed Idioms with Qal.* f. The construction ...appears to be a fixed idiom meaning "reckon something to someone's account." (Genesis 15:6) (p. 234)  
 The act of accepting faith is finally reckoned as a deciding factor in the relationship with Yahweh. The expression calls the outcome of the events depicted a settlement of accounts in a theological sense. The reckoning of belief as (righteousness) documents the conclusion of the transaction. (p. 243)
9. From the moment of salvation perfect righteousness resides in every member of the royal family.
10. This judicial imputation establishes a grace pipeline: on the giving end is the justice of God and on the receiving end is the perfect righteousness of God.
11. Since the blessings that flow through the pipeline do not depend upon any human function then it operates exclusively on the grace of God.
12. Consequently, the target of logistical grace support is God's righteousness in us. The blessings and rewards that result from utilizing these logistics to advance to spiritual maturity are likewise imputed to this same righteousness.
13. The grace policy upon which the pipeline functions insulates it against any intrusion of human worthiness designed to earn God's favor so He will "give us our stuff."
14. The insulation prohibits any concept of the believer earning or deserving any of God's grace blessings. All efforts are repulsed by the grace policy that protects the pipeline.
15. This grace policy maintains the system which is designed to sustain the believer in an attitude of grace so he may grow in grace, serve in grace, and qualify for the grace conveyance of escrow blessings in time and eternity.
16. The grace pipeline establishes the channel of blessing by which the believer's life is sustained, his spiritual life is nourished, and his wherewithal to fulfill the plan of God is supplied.
17. Imputed righteousness is the basis for an a-fortiori argument regarding blessings in time and eternity. A fortiori is a Latin term that means "with stronger reason" or "more conclusively." Therefore the following argument may be posed:

If the justice of God can accomplish the greater at salvation by imputing to the believer divine righteousness, then it follows more conclusively and with stronger reason that He can do the less by imputing to the believer logistical grace support in time and even greater blessings at spiritual maturity.

18. The a fortiori argument draws a conclusion that is inferred to be even more certain than another and its impact regarding logistical grace is found in:

**Romans 8:31** - Therefore to what conclusion are we forced? If God is for us, and He is, (with great reason) who is against us?

**v. 32** - God, Who did not even spare His own Son, but on behalf of us all (by doing the most difficult thing) delivered Him over to judgment, how shall he not also with Him in grace (with greater reason) give us all things (our logistics which is less difficult)?

19. Thus the imputation of divine righteousness sets up the potential for escrow blessings in time. This potential is realized by spiritual growth while being sustained by logistical grace support.