



Righteousness

Genesis chapter 15 places us before the person and presence of God in creation. We see God dealing with Abram unconditionally as He makes a covenant with Abram based on Abram's trust, faith, obedience and reliance of God.

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. Gen 15:6 NIV.

God imputes or gives Abram righteousness or rightness because of Abram's response of faith. Righteousness, both in the Hebrew text and in the New Testament, comes from the idea of rightness, a moral and ethical alignment with God. John states it this way when he reveals God in 1 John.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5-6 NIV.

Abram's faith and connection to God is what God seeks in men and women. That connection is right according to God.

It is this moral and ethical purity that is called "without sin" and is used to describe Jesus in Hebrews 4:15. It is in the text to the Romans where we realize how vastly importance imputed righteousness is in Christianity.

God presented Him (Jesus) as a sacrifice ... so as to ... justif(y) those who have faith in Jesus. Rom 3:25-26 NIV.

For believers today, connection to God and rightness with Him comes through faith in Jesus, "...**those who have faith in Jesus**". Therefore, for each person who puts their faith in Jesus Christ God imputes or gives them the righteousness that is Christ.