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Current Positional Truth: Top-Circle Assets: Eternal Life: Imputation of Eternal Life at Salvation; Doctrine of Imputation: Definition; Originate with Justice of God; Equation of Hope: 7 Imputations: 2 Judicial, 5 Real

2. **Eternal Life.**   God has no "beginning." Were He to have one it would require a creative act on the part of a first cause. God has absolute existence, there never was a time when He did not exist; there never will be a time when He does not exist.

    At salvation, the believer is imputed eternal life. The word for salvation—σωτηρία (*sōtēria*)—is from the root verb σώζω (*sōzō*) which means: to deliver; to preserve safe from danger; to rescue from some impending peril.

    In its application to one's eternal future the concept of being "saved" refers to one's deliverance from the lake of fire by being preserved in a place of safety.

    Faith alone in Christ alone has both a purpose and a result. The purpose is deliverance from eternal condemnation while the result is the imputation of eternal life.

    The possession of eternal life presents a conundrum. Eternity has no beginning and no ending. However, the Bible is clear that at salvation believers receive as a real imputation God's eternal life which has, for them, a beginning but no ending. We will analyze by an abbreviated study of:

    ### The Doctrine of Imputation

I. **Definition:**

    1. The English word "imputation" is derived from the Latin *imputare*: to enter in an account; to reckon as a merit or fault in someone; to impute to.

    2. The definition in English has theological implications as is pointed out in this definition:

        Imputation. *Theology*. The attributing to believers of the righteousness of Christ, and to Christ of human sin, by vicarious substitution; also, the imputing of the guilt of Adam's sin to all his descendants.

        Impute. *Theology*. To attribute or ascribe (righteousness, guilt, etc.) to a person by vicarious substitution.[1]

    3. The imputations noted by Oxford are three of the seven that are revealed in Scripture and include both of the judicial imputations of our sins to Christ and His righteousness to us.

    4. The function of all imputations originates with the justice of God and occurs in two categories: **(1)** blessing and **(2)** cursing.
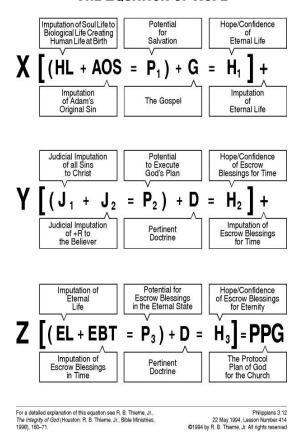
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[1] *Oxford English Dictionary*, s.v.: "Imputation; Impute."

5. The seven imputations have three factors: **(1)** the same source. God's policy, what righteousness demands justice executes, administers each imputation, **(2)** what is being imputed, and **(3)** the recipient in a specific status quo.

6. There are two classifications of the seven imputations: **(1)** Judicial and **(2)** Real.

7. There are two judicial imputations: **(1)** Personal sins of all mankind to Christ on the cross and **(2)** God's righteousness to the believer at salvation.

8. There are five real imputations: **(1)** the imputation of human life to the soul at physical birth, **(2)** the imputation of Adam's original sin to the sinful nature at physical birth, **(3)** the imputation of eternal life to the divinely prepared human spirit at salvation, **(4)** the imputation of escrow blessings in time at capacity, and **(5)** the imputation of escrow blessings in eternity to the resurrection body in three phases: **(a)** the Evaluation Tribunal of Christ, **(b)** the Millennium, and **(c)** the Eternal State.

9. These seven imputations are presented in a formula that clearly reveals the plan of God for the individual believer.

II.   **The Equation of Hope:**

THE EQUATION OF HOPE

Imputation of Soul Life to Biological Life Creating Human Life at Birth | Potential for Salvation | Hope/Confidence of Eternal Life

$$X \left[(HL + AOS = P_1) + G = H_1 \right] +$$

Imputation of Adam's Original Sin | The Gospel | Imputation of Eternal Life

Judicial Imputation of all Sins to Christ | Potential to Execute God's Plan | Hope/Confidence of Escrow Blessings for Time

$$Y \left[(J_1 + J_2 = P_2) + D = H_2 \right] +$$

Judicial Imputation of +R to the Believer | Pertinent Doctrine | Imputation of Escrow Blessings for Time

Imputation of Eternal Life | Potential for Escrow Blessings in the Eternal State | Hope/Confidence of Escrow Blessings for Eternity

$$Z \left[(EL + EBT = P_3) + D = H_3 \right] = PPG$$

Imputation of Escrow Blessings in Time | Pertinent Doctrine | The Protocol Plan of God for the Church

For a detailed explanation of this equation see R. B. Thieme, Jr., *The Integrity of God* (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 1998), 160–71.

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1. The order in which these imputations occur chronologically is displayed by the diagram which uses a mathematical formula as an illustration.

2. This formula is made up of three radicals: X, Y, and Z. Each of the three contains two imputations that culminate in eternity with the seventh.

3. The **X radical** presents the life of a person in unbelief from physical birth to the moment of salvation.

4. **HL** indicates the imputation of soul life to biological life creating human life at the moment of physical birth. This is referred to as selection.