

individual's depravity incurs condemnation for himself, so Christ's righteousness results in justification and life to many.

(c) The Mediate imputation view represents depravity and guilt as our misfortune but not as our fault. in a striking way, human responsibility is removed from the picture!

- d. The Theory of Natural Headship (also called the Realistic Theory or the Augustinian Theory) (Aurelius Augustine, A.D. 354-430)

(1) Beliefs of the view

(a) The human race was an organic unity in Adam. Augustine viewed the individual as part of the whole. Adam was the entire race and possessed the whole human nature.

(b) The entire race sinned in Adam, and thus the whole human nature became guilty, corrupt, and liable to death.

(c) Individual human beings are particular manifestations of the universal human nature.

(d) Individual human beings are guilty of Adam's sin because they really and actually sinned in Adam, being in his loins. The principle employed in Hebrew 7:9-10 is applied to the descendants of Adam. Hebrews 7:9-10 states: "And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Since we were in Adam's loins when he sinned, his sin is properly our own. Augustine wrote: "As all men have sinned in Adam, they are Justly subject to the condemnation of God on account of this hereditary sin and the guilt thereof."

(e) The statement in Romans 5:12b -- "death passed over to all men, in that all sinned" -- means that all sinned in Adam, their natural head, and thus all incurred the consequences of Adam's sin.

(2) Critique of the view (critiques of this view and the following view are found together, after presentation of the beliefs of that following view)

- e. The Theory of Federal Headship (also called the Representative Theory) (John Cocceius, A.D. 1603-1669; Herman Witsius, A.D. 1626-1708)

(1) Beliefs of the view

(a) When God entered into the covenant of works with Adam, He made him the representative of the whole human race.