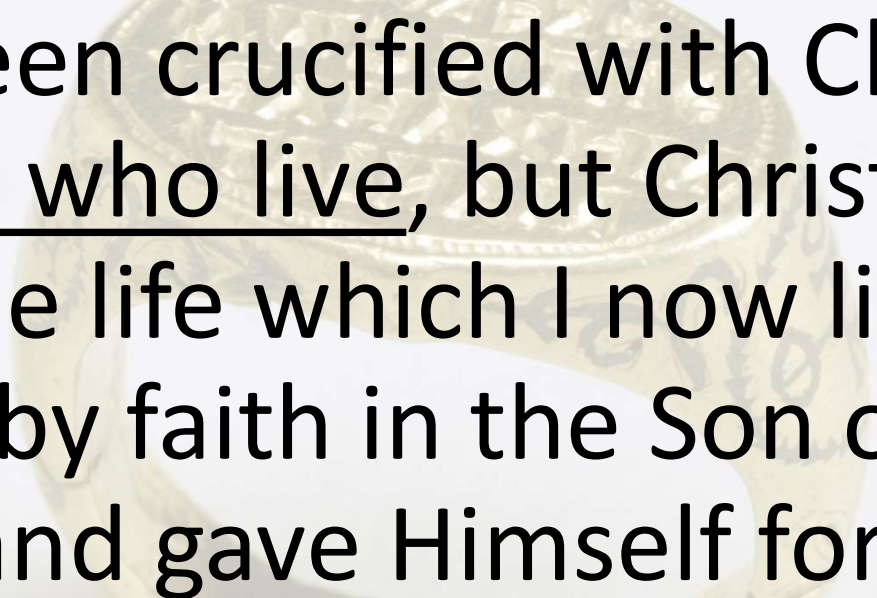


“As if born of the King”



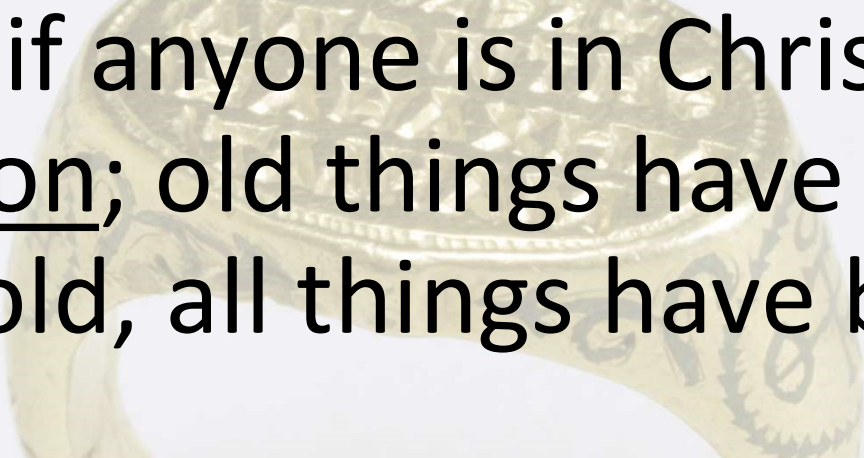
Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

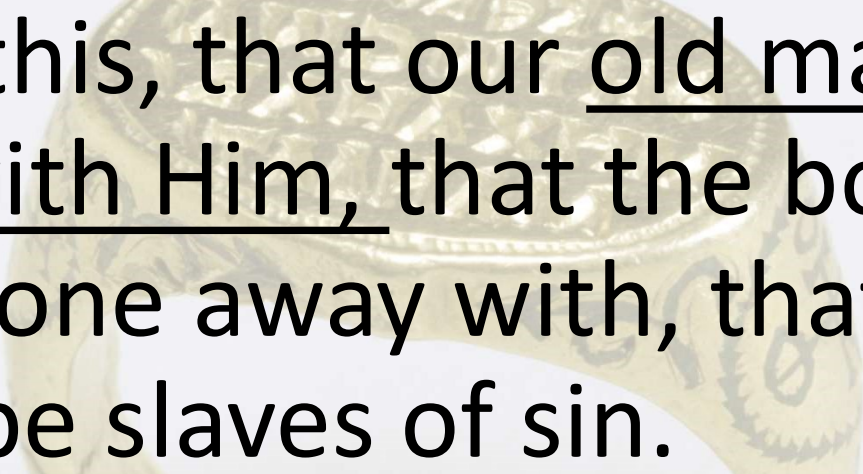


Philippians 3:13-14

¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:6

⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.



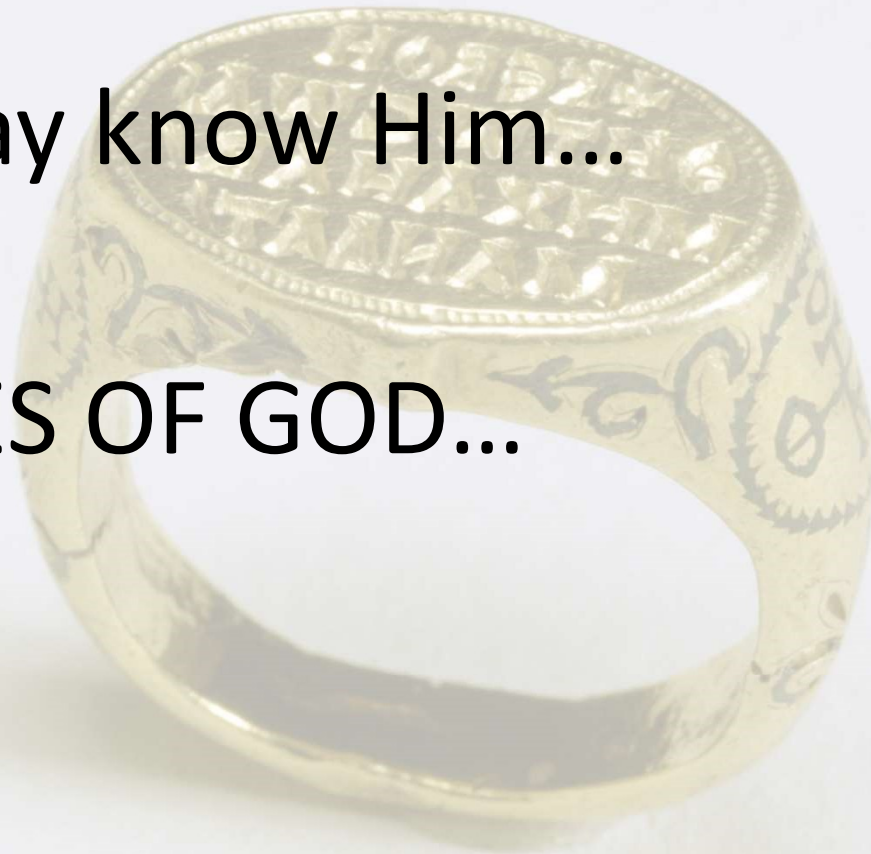
In Christ, we have a brand new identity.



Philippians 3:10a

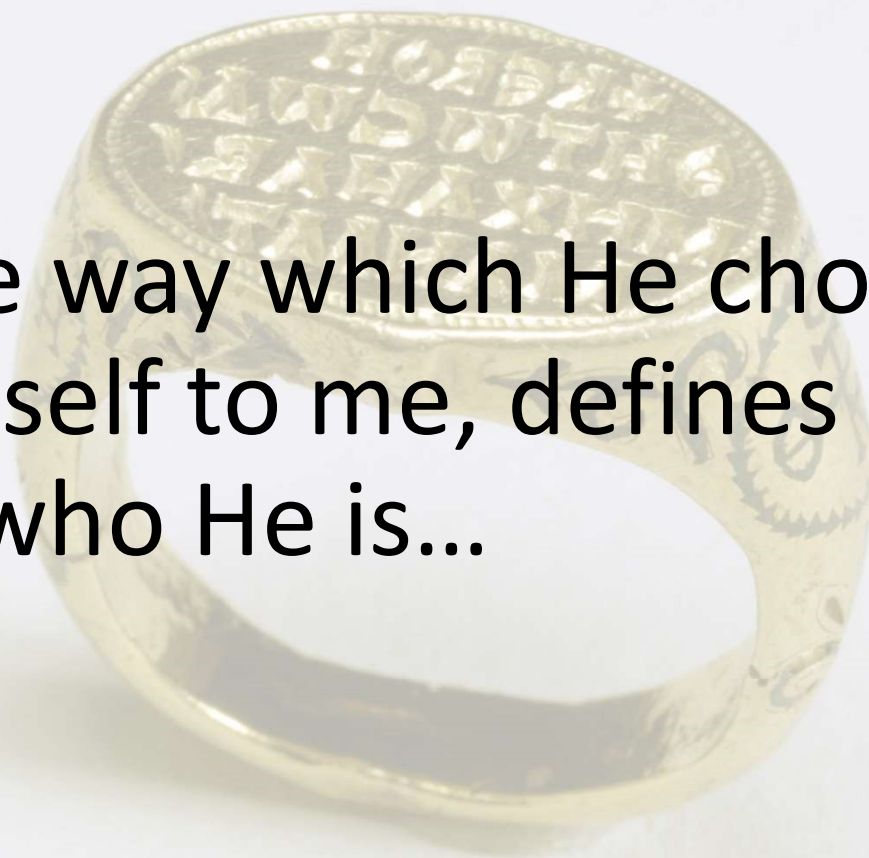
¹⁰ that I may know Him...

THE NAMES OF GOD...



My Identity, in light of His Identity

The unique way which He chooses to reveal Himself to me, defines my identity in light of who He is...



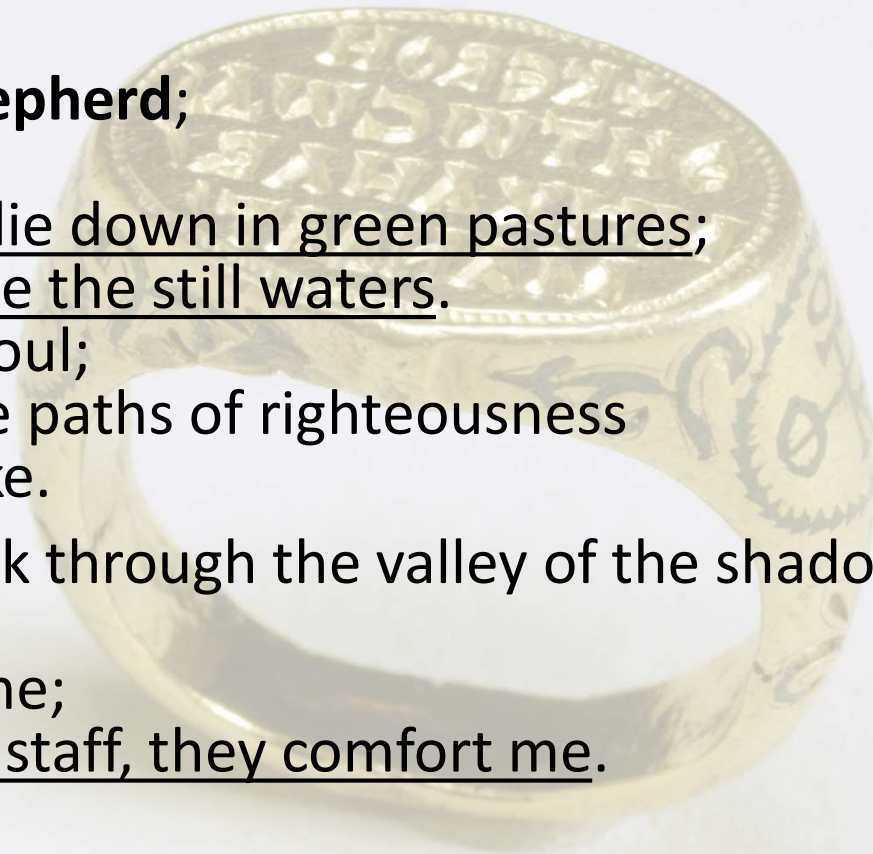
1. The Shepherd (Psalm 23)

The LORD *is* my **shepherd**;
I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

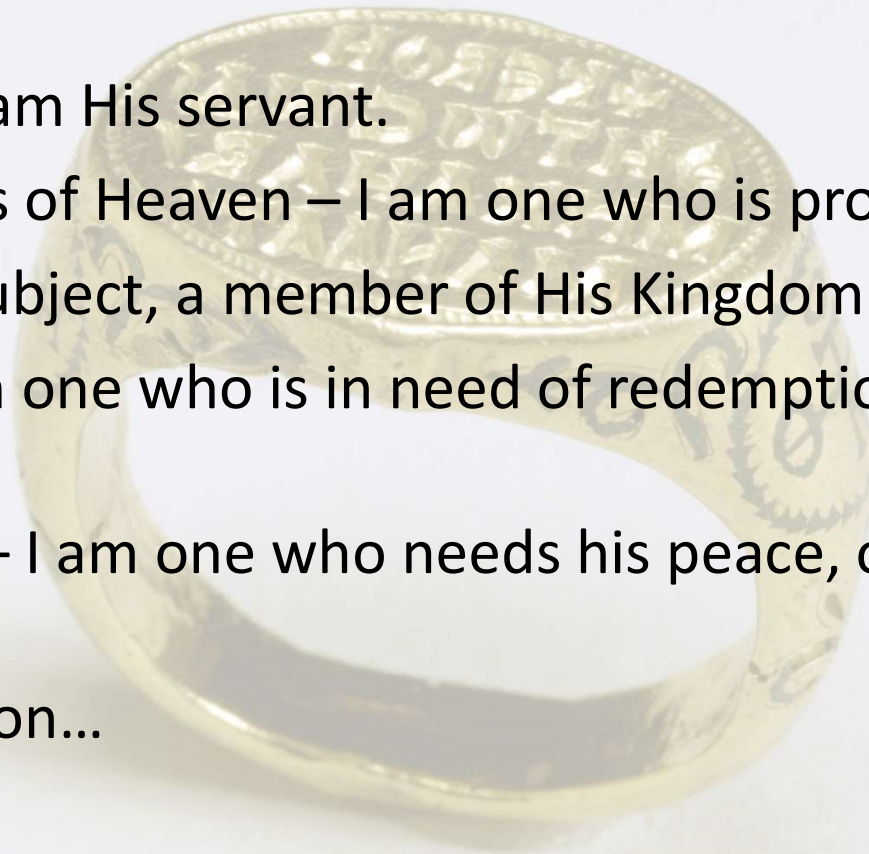
³ He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.



Other examples:

- Lord/Master – I am His servant.
- Lord of the Hosts of Heaven – I am one who is protected.
- King – I am his subject, a member of His Kingdom.
- Redeemer – I am one who is in need of redemption, or has been redeemed.
- Prince of Peace – I am one who needs his peace, or has received His peace.
- Father – I am a son...



Good, Good Father...



But how am I made a Son of God?



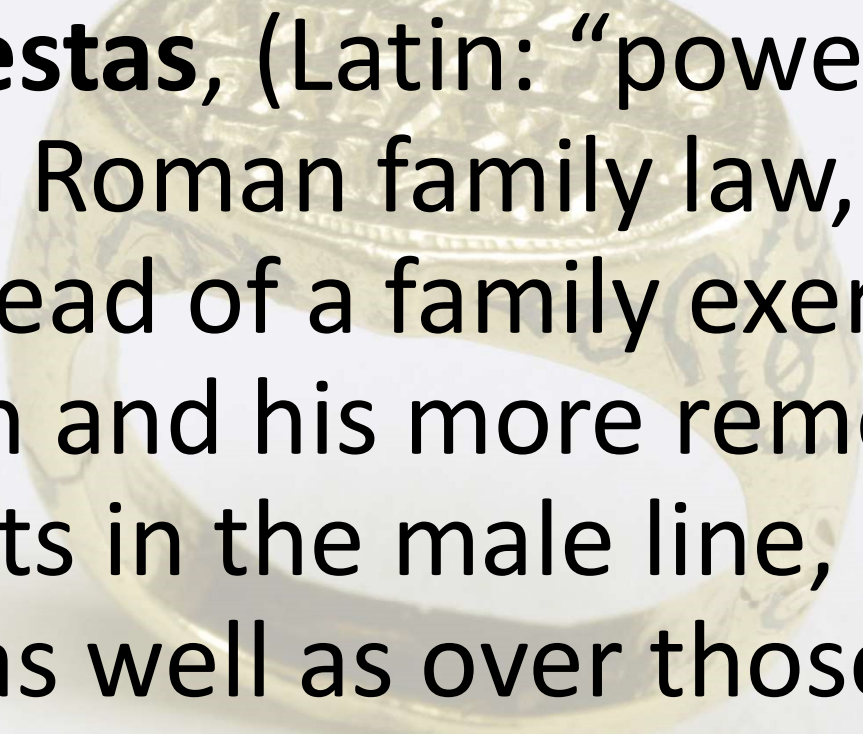
ADOPTION!

Romans 8: 14-17

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

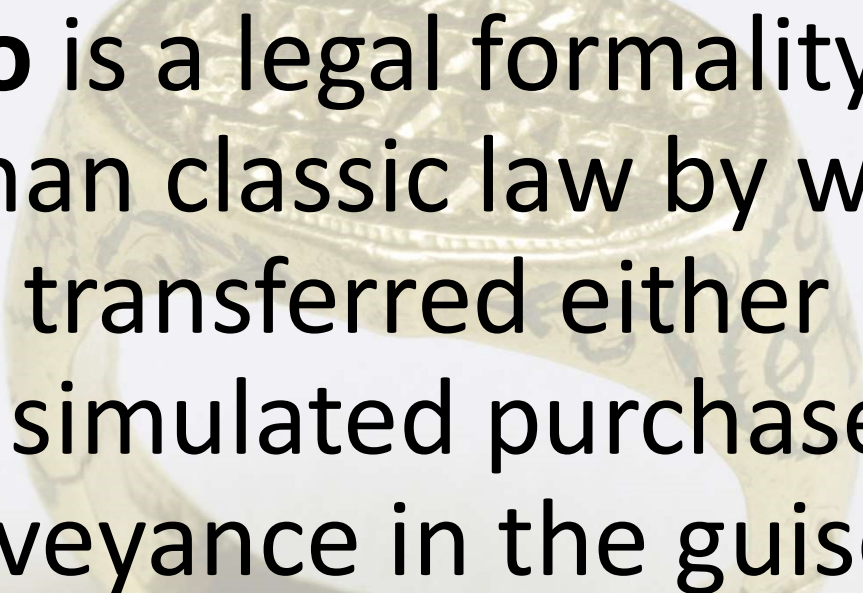
The Model of Adoption: Patria Potestas

Patria potestas, (Latin: “power of a father”), in Roman family law, power that the male head of a family exercised over his children and his more remote descendants in the male line, whatever their age, as well as over those brought into the family by adoption.



The Model of Adoption: Mancipatio

Mancipatio is a legal formality prescribed by the Roman classic law by which a property is transferred either by an actual or a simulated purchase, or a formal conveyance in the guise of a sale.



Emancipation

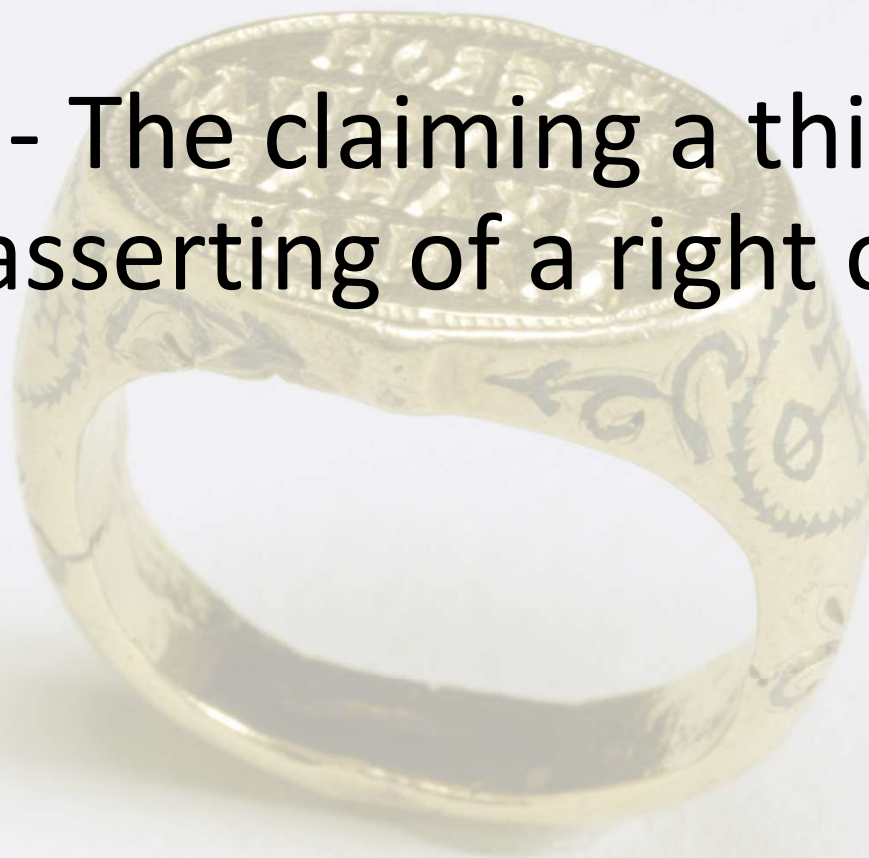
Emancipation - of minors is a legal mechanism by which a minor is freed from control by their parents or guardians, and the parents or guardians are freed from any and all responsibility toward the child.

Emancipation - the fact or process of being set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; liberation.

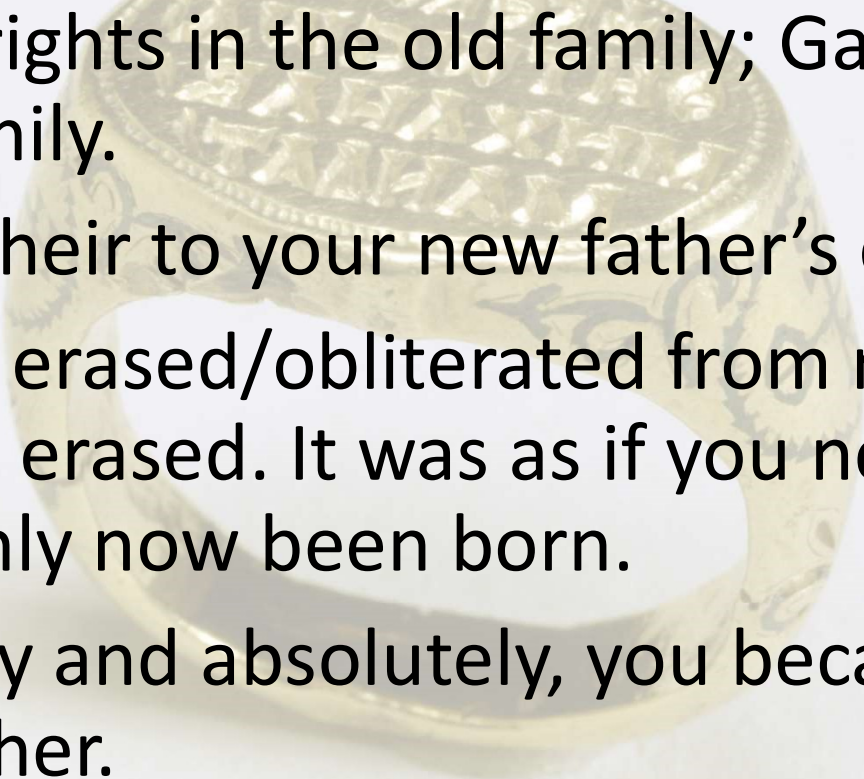
The freeing of someone from slavery.

The Model of Adoption: Vindicatio

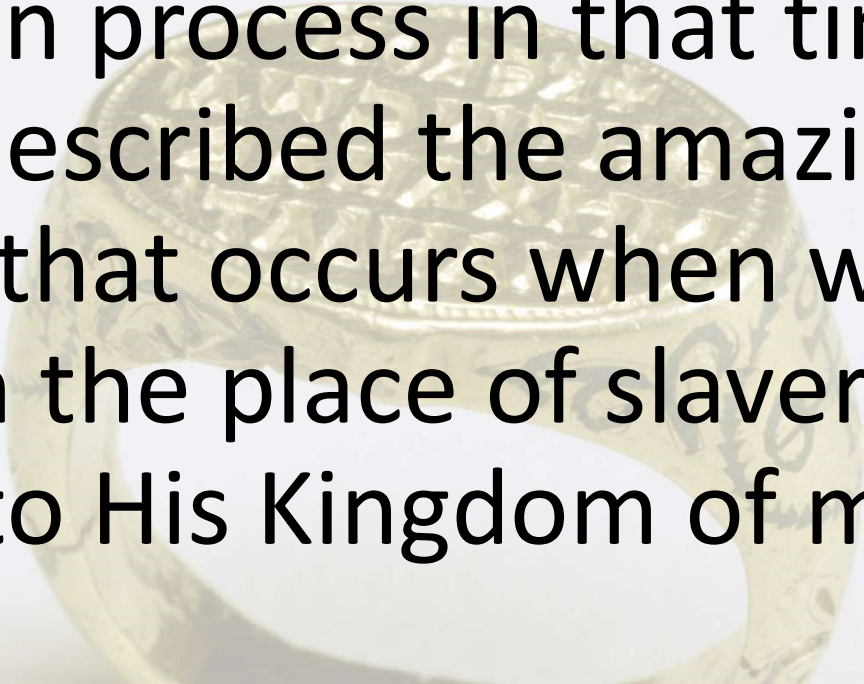
Vindicatio - The claiming a thing as one's own ; the asserting of a right or title in or to a thing.



What Adoption Meant:

1. Give up all rights in the old family; Gain all rights in the new family.
 2. Become an heir to your new father's estate.
 3. Old life was erased/obliterated from record. Debts and records erased. It was as if you never existed, and have only now been born.
 4. Permanently and absolutely, you became the son of the new father.
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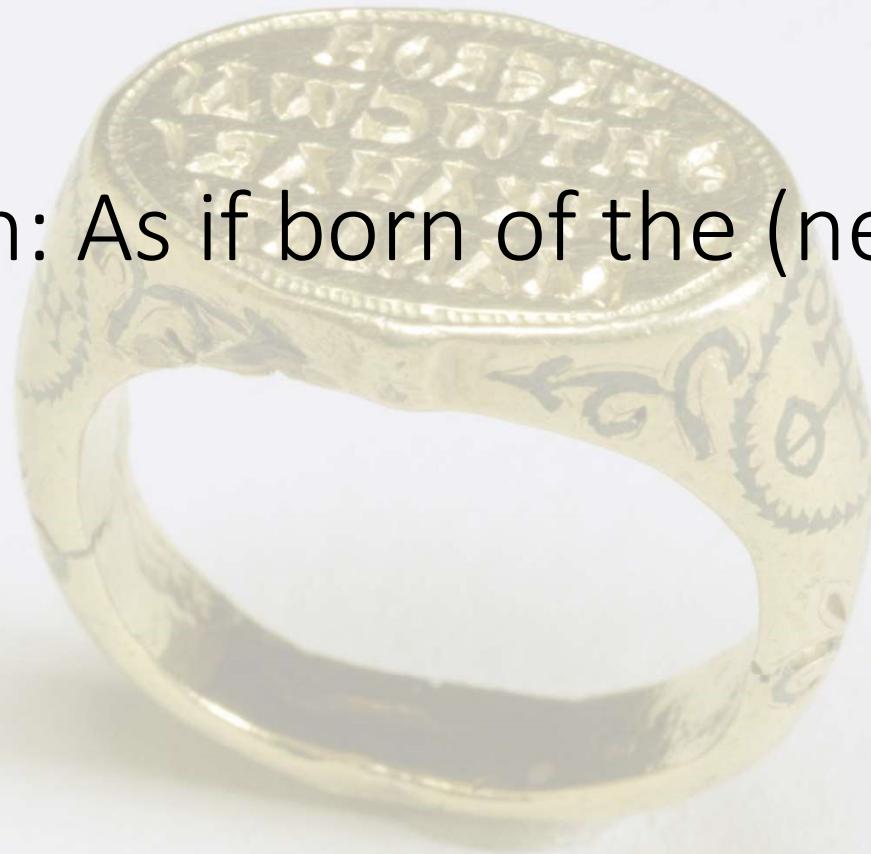
The adoption process in that time accurately described the amazing transaction that occurs when we are moved from the place of slavery and darkness into His Kingdom of marvellous light!



Adoption as a Son: Seal



Adoption: As if born of the (new) Father



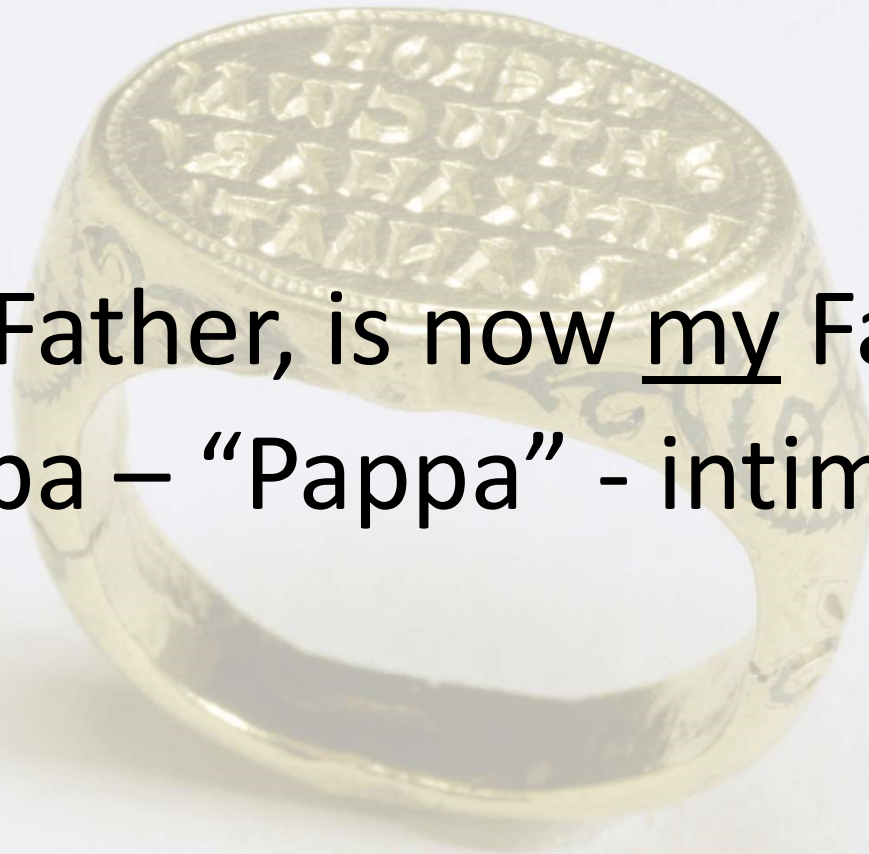
The Spirit of Adoption: Romans 8

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“Abba Father”

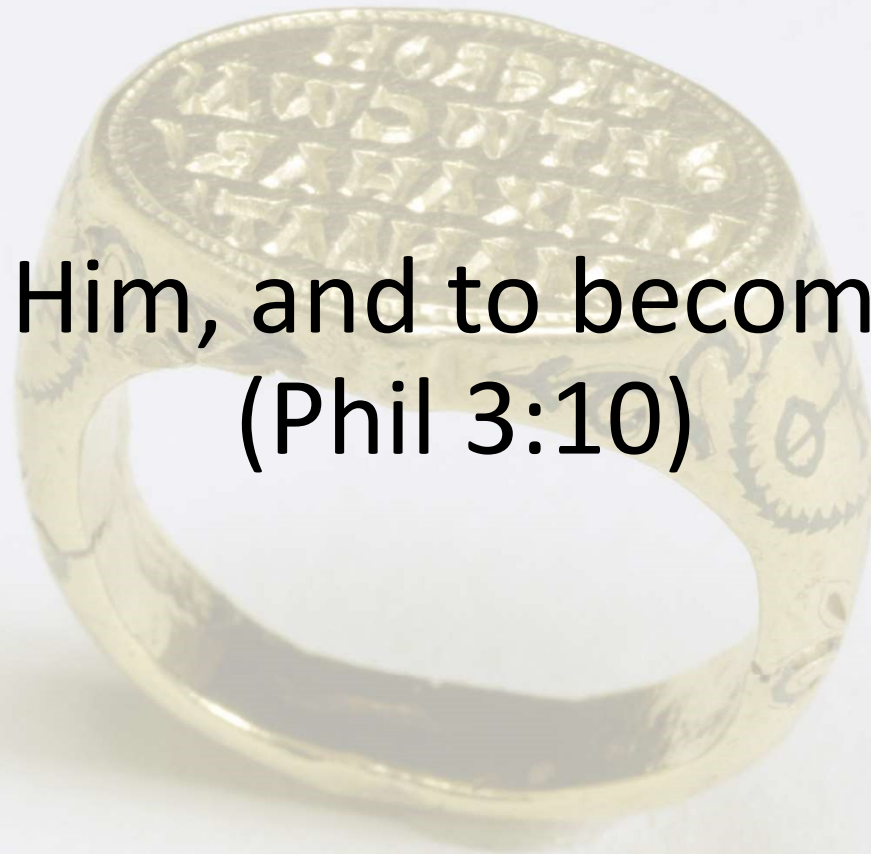
- The Father, is now my Father
- Abba – “Pappa” - intimate





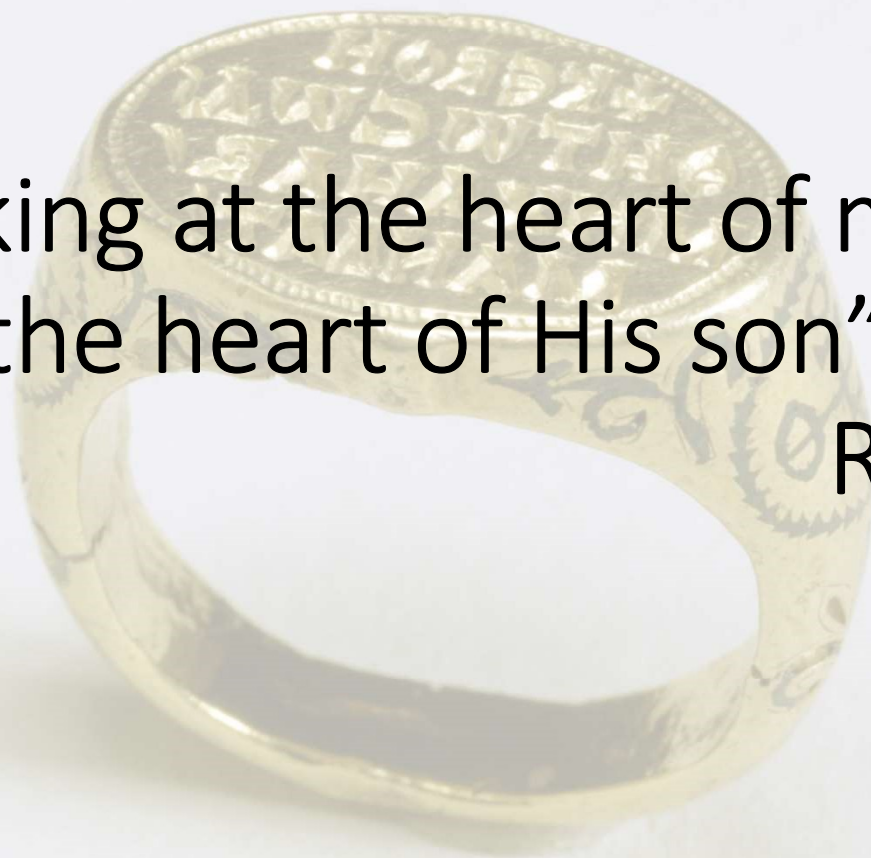
Our mission:

To know Him, and to become like Him
(Phil 3:10)



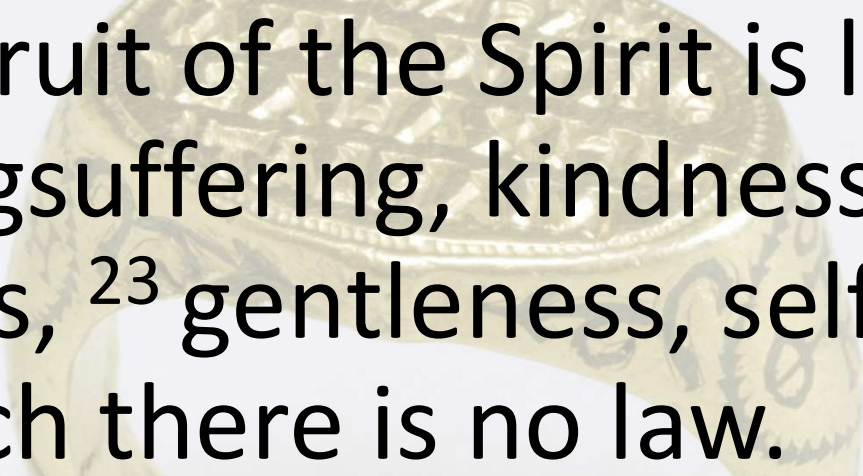
“God is looking at the heart of man, and
looking for the heart of His son”

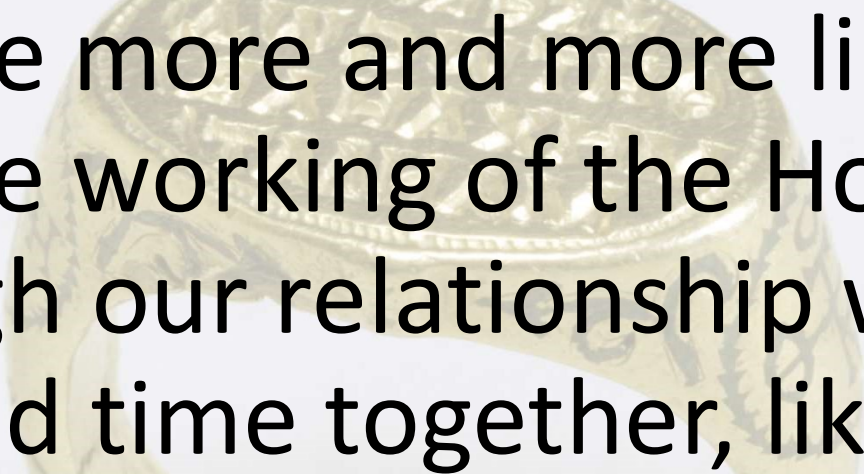
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Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.





We become more and more like Him
through the working of the Holy Spirit
and through our relationship with him –
as we spend time together, like a family.

In Summary

- You are a son, adopted and chosen by God.
- God has a desire for a big family.
- You are an heir, because of your position in His family, not based on your performance.
- Your sonship came at a price.
- The Holy Spirit (The Spirit of Adoption) not only makes you a son, but moulds you into the image of The Son (Jesus.)

