Guarding the Gospel of Grace Preserving Liberty in Christ



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Galatians 4:1-7

A. Adoption as an Illustration: ¹Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all, ² but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. **B. Adoption as a Gospel Truth:** ³ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵ to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ⁶ And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba,

Father." 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

A. Adoption as an Illustration • The minor child is the same as a servant





A. Adoption as an Illustration • The minor child is under tutors and governors



No books

The boys would learn to read from papyrus scrolls. They would write on wax-coated wooden boards, or even on old pieces of pottery, using woocen slicks.

Greek teacher

The teachers were most often Greeks, because Romans had great respect for Greek literature and history. Some of those were sloves brought from Greece by Roman soldiers, while others were free men

No girls allowed

Rome was dominated by men, so most girls didn't go to school. instead, they were taught at home. Luckly, that has changed today.

Personal slaves

The richest children had their own personal slaves. The slaves would escort them to school in the morning and be their assistants both in and out of school.

Most children finished school at 12 years old

Nobody had desks, noi even the leacher.

Small class

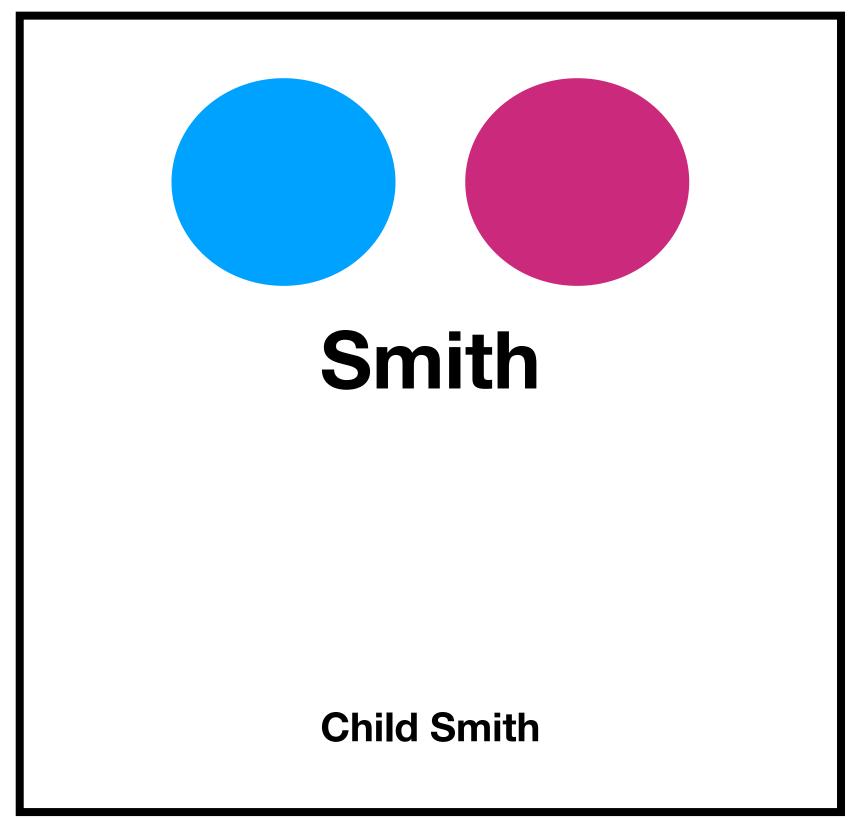
Each school would only have about 12 students. They were located in a private house or even behind a shop. The playground was probably not very big, either ...

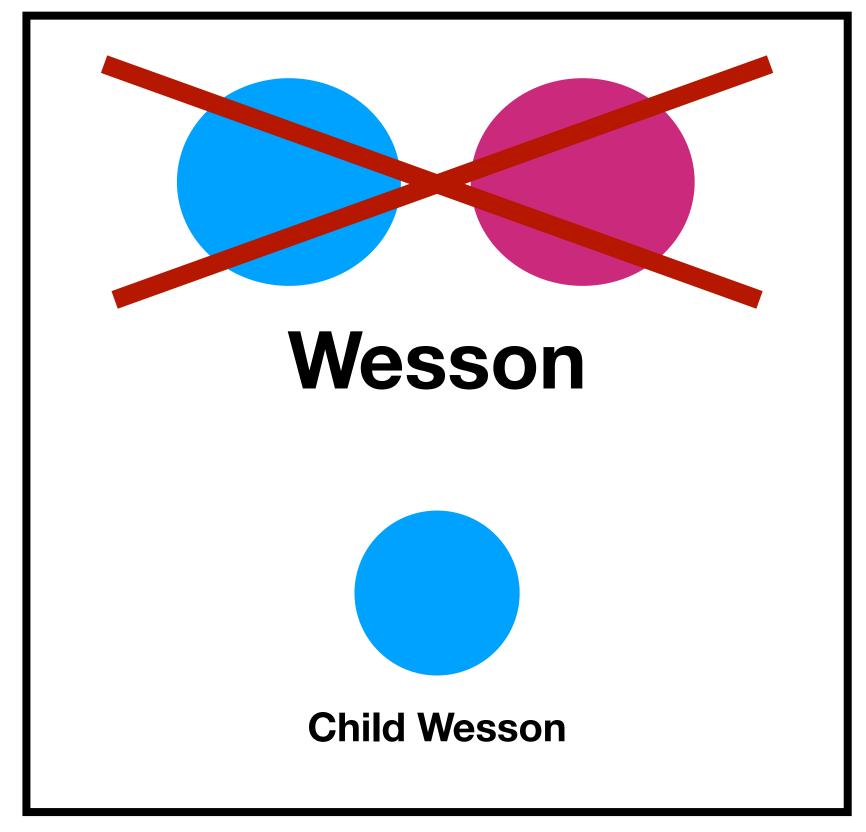


A. Adoption as an IllustrationThe minor child waits for timing by his father

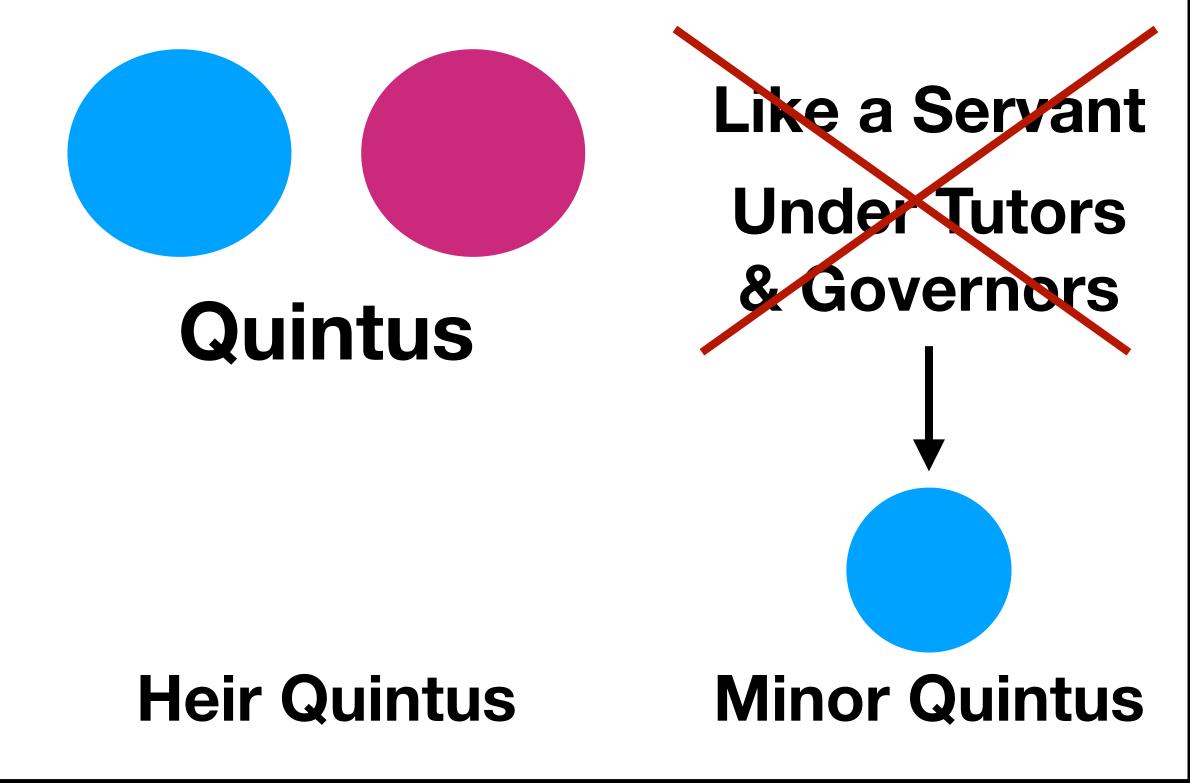


Adoption as we know it





Adoption in Bible Culture



The Roman Boy

The Child

- By birth
- Enters the family
- Under guardians
- No legal rights
- Cannot inherit

The Son

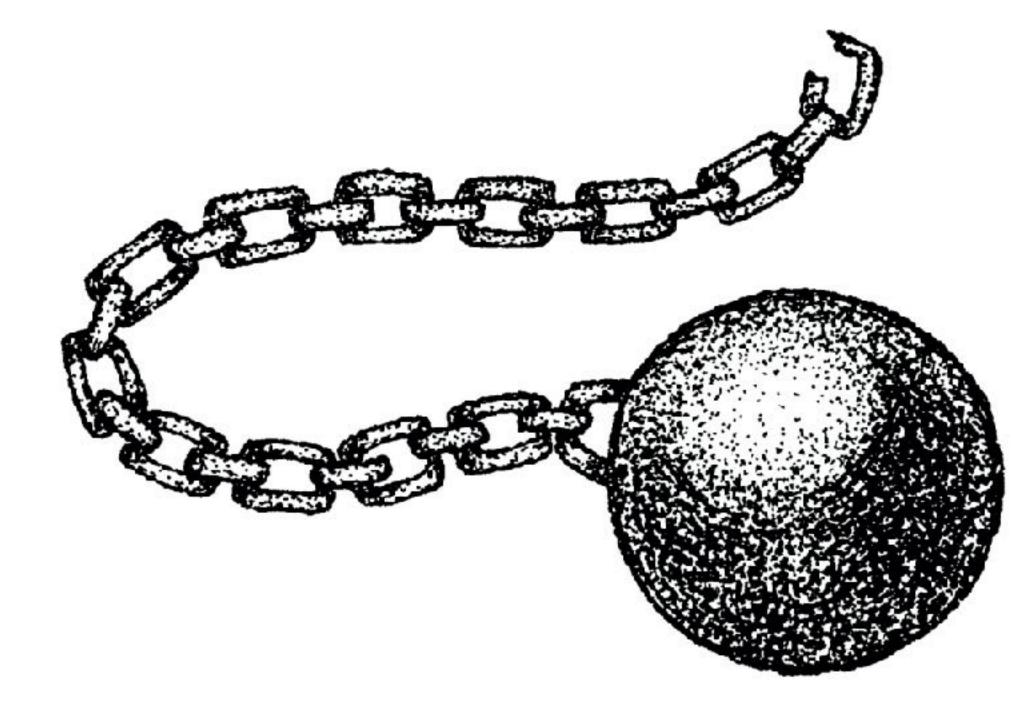
- By adoption
- Enjoys the family
- Adult liberty
- Full legal rights
- Heir to the Father

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B. Adoption as a Gospel Truth The past event of the coming of Christ The present truth of the Spirit of Christ

B. Adoption as a Gospel Truth The past event of the coming of Christ Living under law is bondage



B. Adoption as a Gospel Truth • The past event of the coming of Christ • Born of a woman • Born under the law

• When the timing was right, God sent His Son



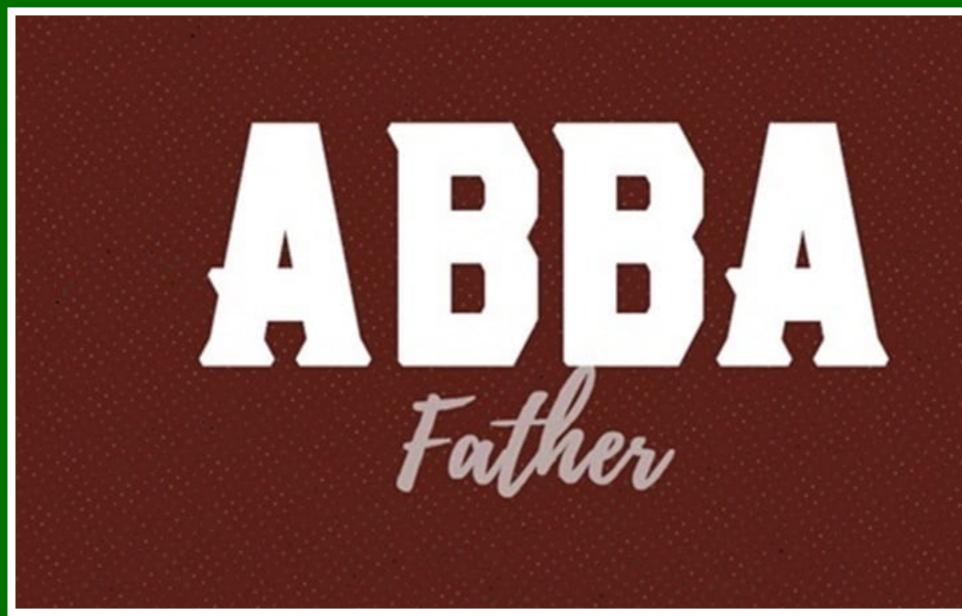
B. Adoption as a Gospel Truth The past event of the coming of Christ • When the timing was right, God sent His Son To redeem those under the law To allow us to receive the adoption of sons

Adoption





B. Adoption as a Gospel Truth The present truth of the Spirit of Christ The Spirit of Christ is in our hearts The Spirit of Christ cries "Abba, Father"



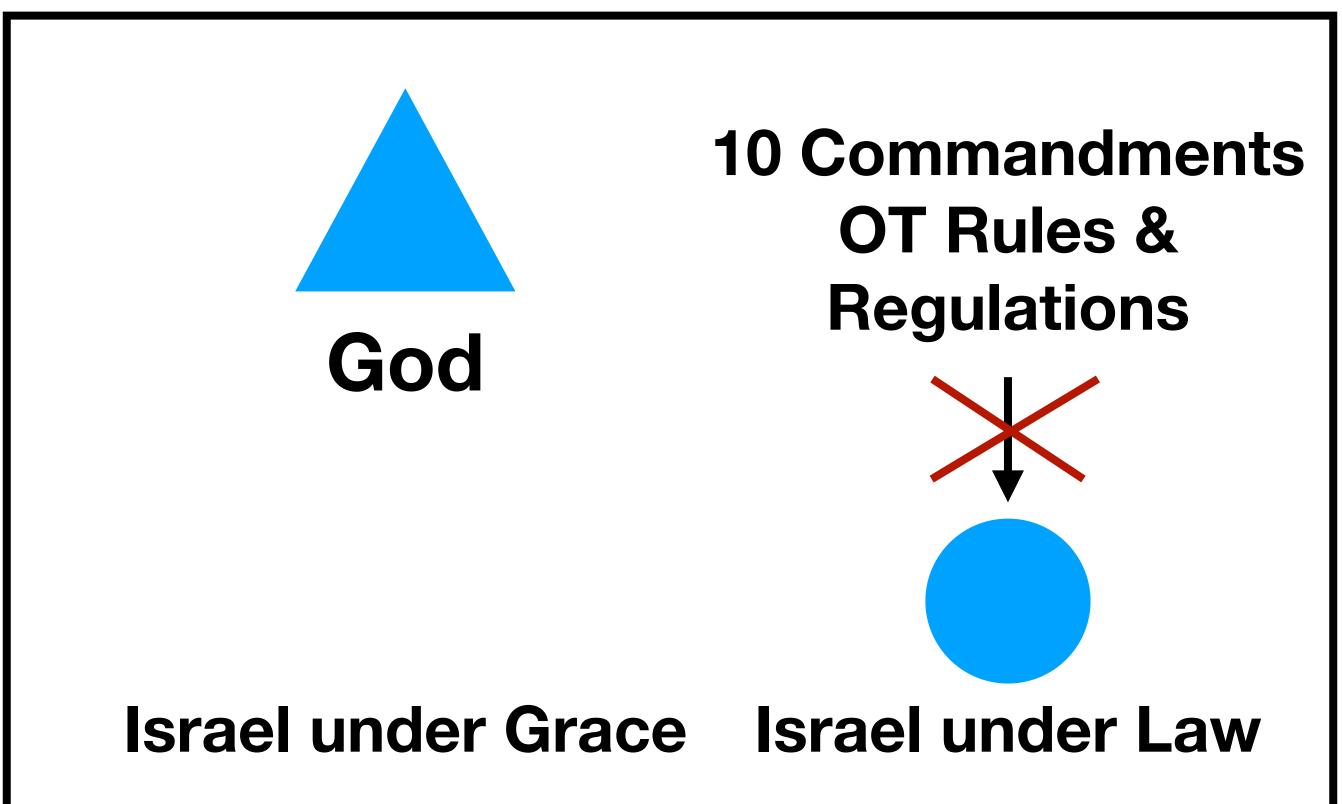


- The Same as Our Word "Daddy" but with reverence
- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane Mark 14:36
- Christians as fully adopted heirs of God Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6

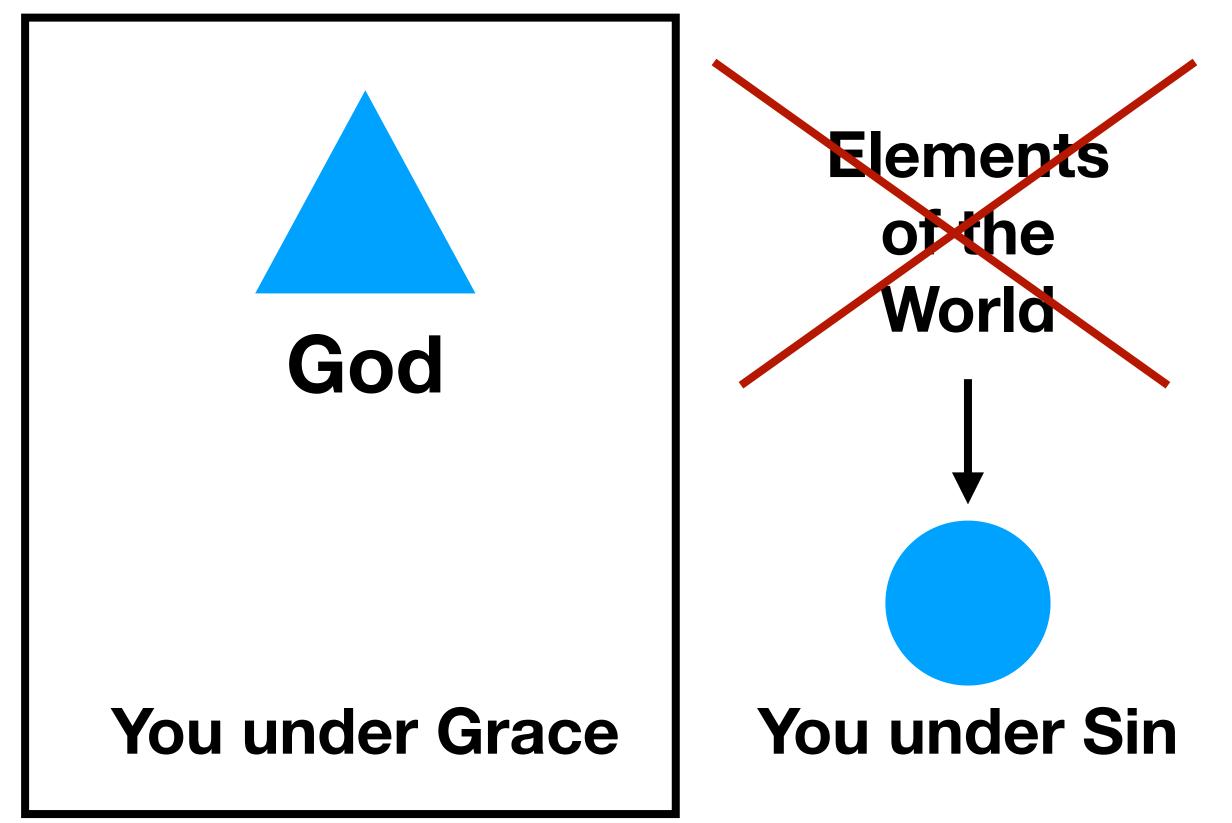
B. Adoption as a **Gospel Truth** The present truth of the Spirit of Christ • We are no longer like servants • We are now fully-adopted heirs



Adoption as a Bible Illustration



Adoption as a Christian Experience



How does all of this work out? If you judge your righteousness by works ... Then you are motivated by "law" You have not fully understood the gospel • If you judge your righteousness by grace ... Then you are motivated by relationship You have fully appreciated the gospel

