

GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 8 Sonship in Christ

Galatians 4: 1-7

STRUCTURE

1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)

THE STRUCTURE

Study 5 Gal 3:1-5

We are not only saved by gospel
but we grow through it too

Study 6 Gal 3:6-18

Abraham : The Covenant and Faith

Study 7 Gal 3:19-29

The Law and Faith

Study 8 Gal 4: 1-7

Adoption privilege of sonship

Cannot cancel covenant



THE BOOK OF THE COVENANT

VS.

THE BOOK OF
THE LAW?

OUR TRUE SPIRITUAL STATUS

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THE DANGER OF LOOSING THIS FREEDOM



Levitical Laws

Food laws
Sacrifices

Circumcision

GUARDIANSHIP



SLAVERY





Temporary
Purpose

TEMPORARY

Galatians 3:24-26 (ESV)
So then, the law was our
guardian until Christ
came, in order that we
might be justified by
faith.

ALTHOUGH OWNS EVERYTHING THERE IS A PERIOD WHERE THERE IS NO CONTROL OF ANYTHING

Galatians 4:1-2 (ESV) 1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.

The period of infancy and immaturity refers to the era of salvation history when the Mosaic law was in force.

FOR A PERIOD OF TIME MOSAIC LAW

Jew and Gentile

Galatians 4:3 (ESV) In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD.

Present world order

Demonic forces

4 ELEMENTS

EARTH



WATER



AIR



FIRE

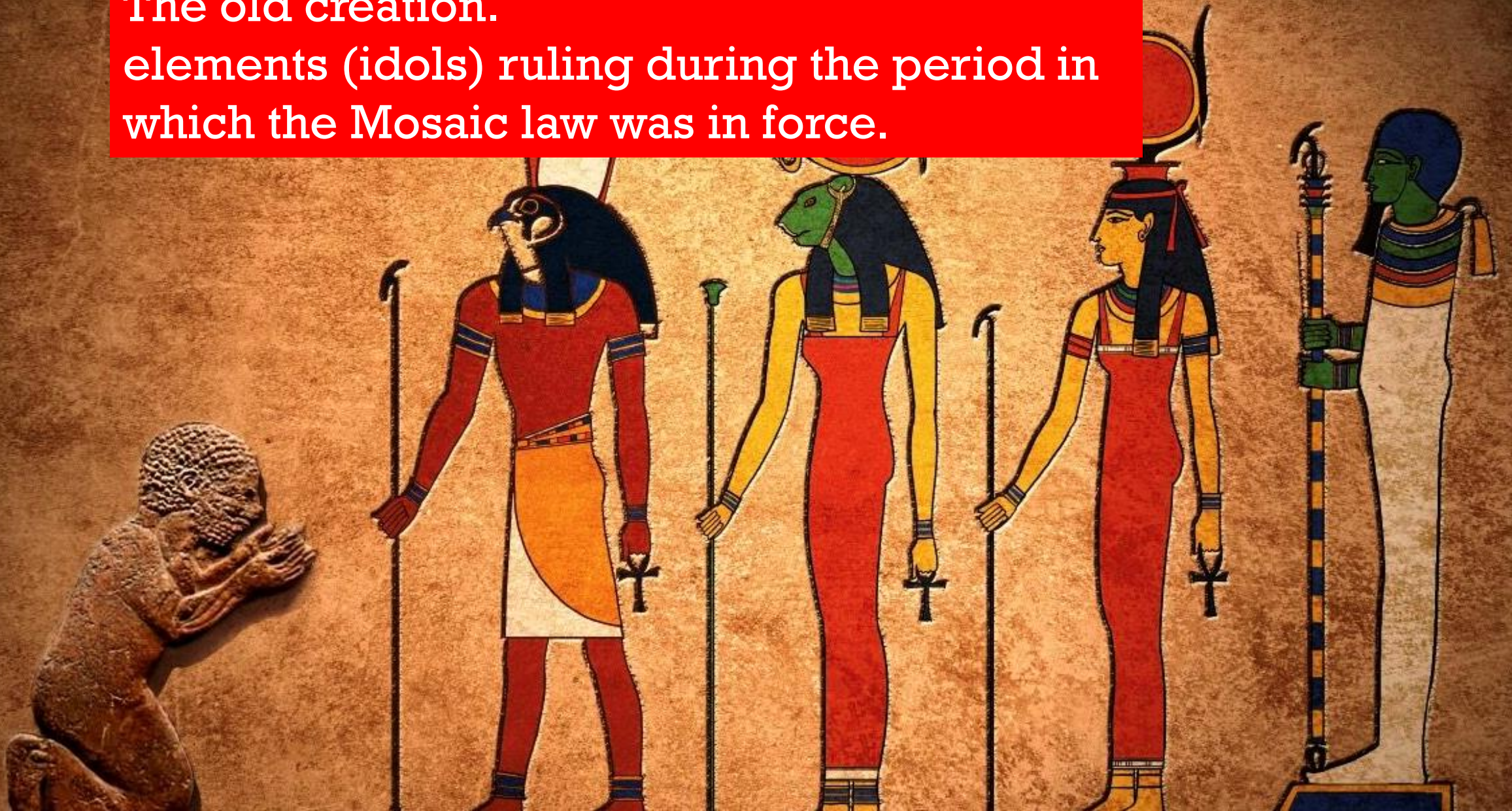


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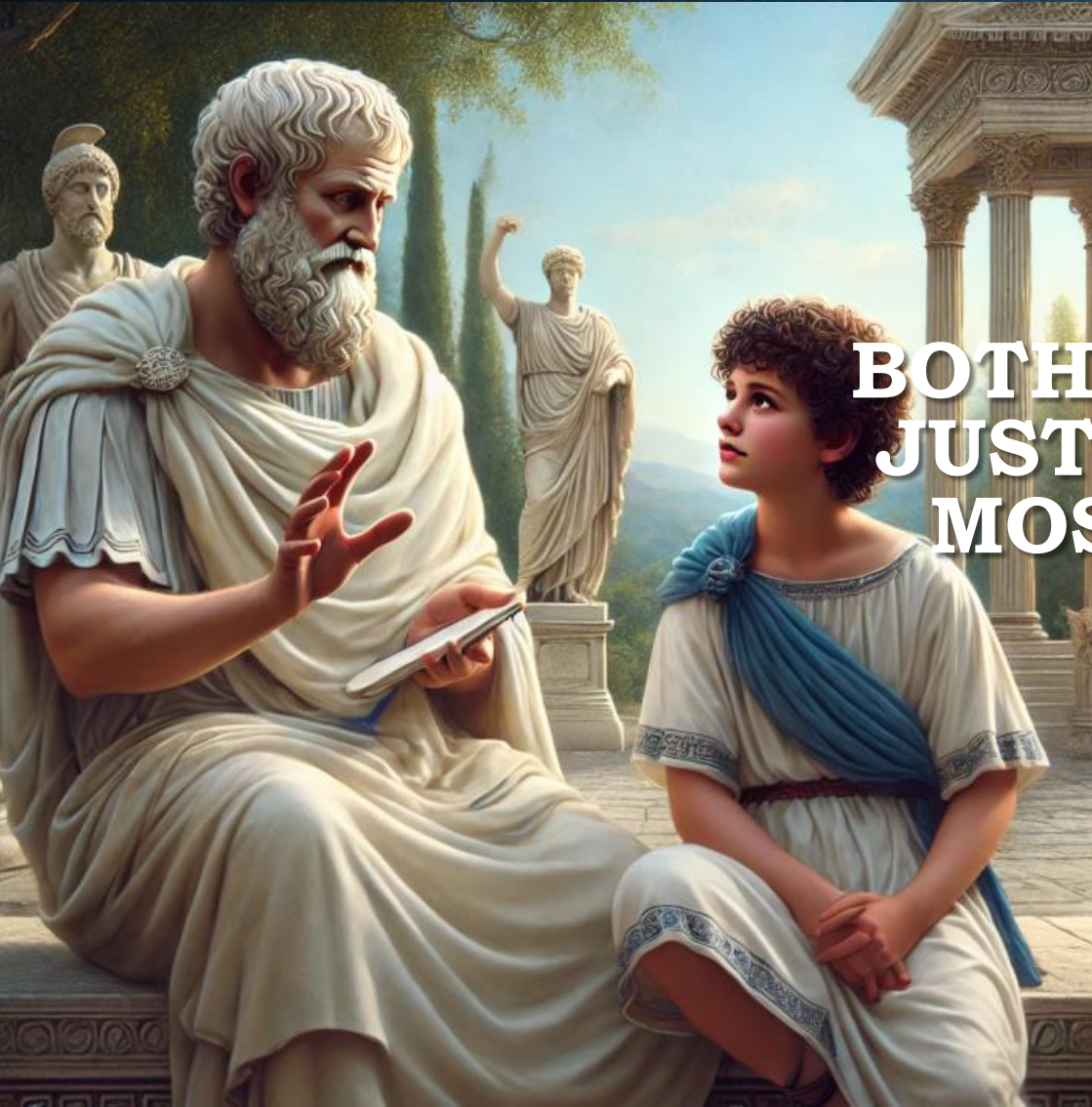
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The old creation.
elements (idols) ruling during the period in
which the Mosaic law was in force.



CHILD UNDER GUARDIANSHIP

**SLAVERY --BELIEVERS
IN THE PAST**



**BOTH NOT FREE
JUST LIKE THE
MOSAIC LAW**



GOD'S CHILDREN -ADOPTED

Pre-existence of the Son

Galatia
come, (God's family comprises solely adopted sons and daughters — there are no natural-born sons or daughters in his divine household.”
under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Lived under the law...whilst we violated the law. He fulfilled the law, obedience, true Israel ,true Son..took the curse of the law on himself



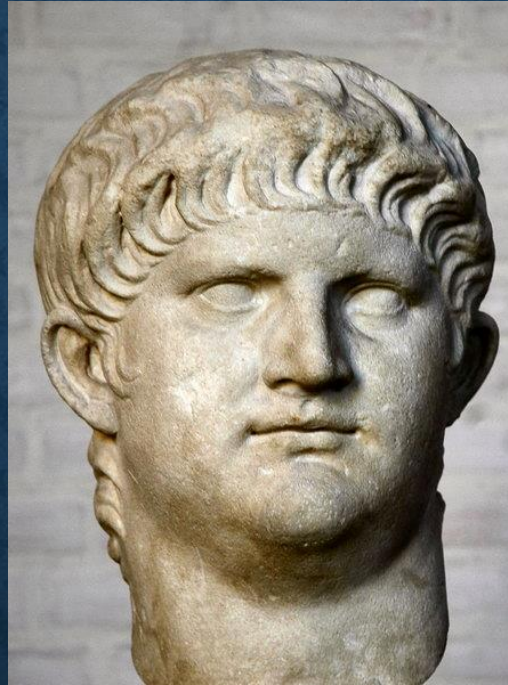
ADOPTION

- For inheritance and position,
Lack of male heir
- Daughters almost never
adopted
- 8% of magistrates and
members of senate
- Mainly adult adoptees rarely
child

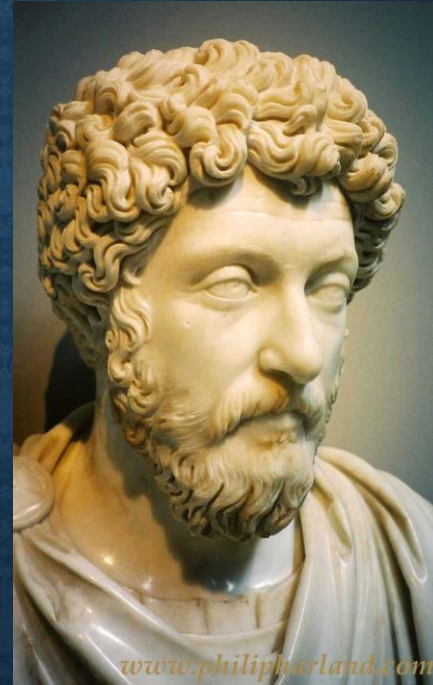
ADOPTED EMPERORS



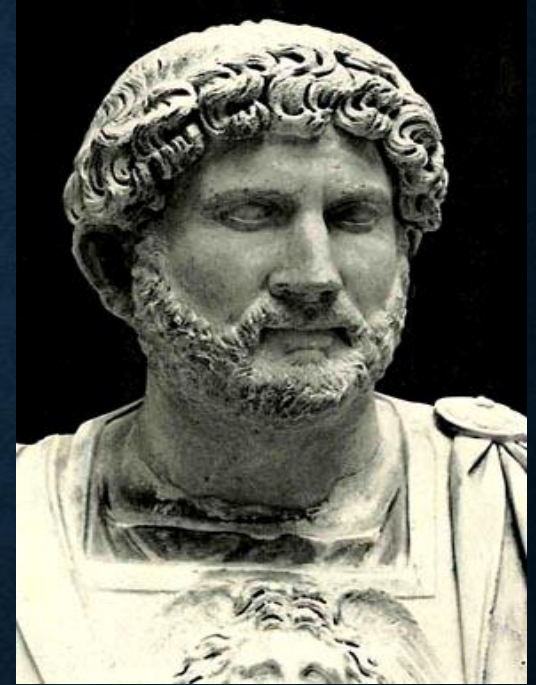
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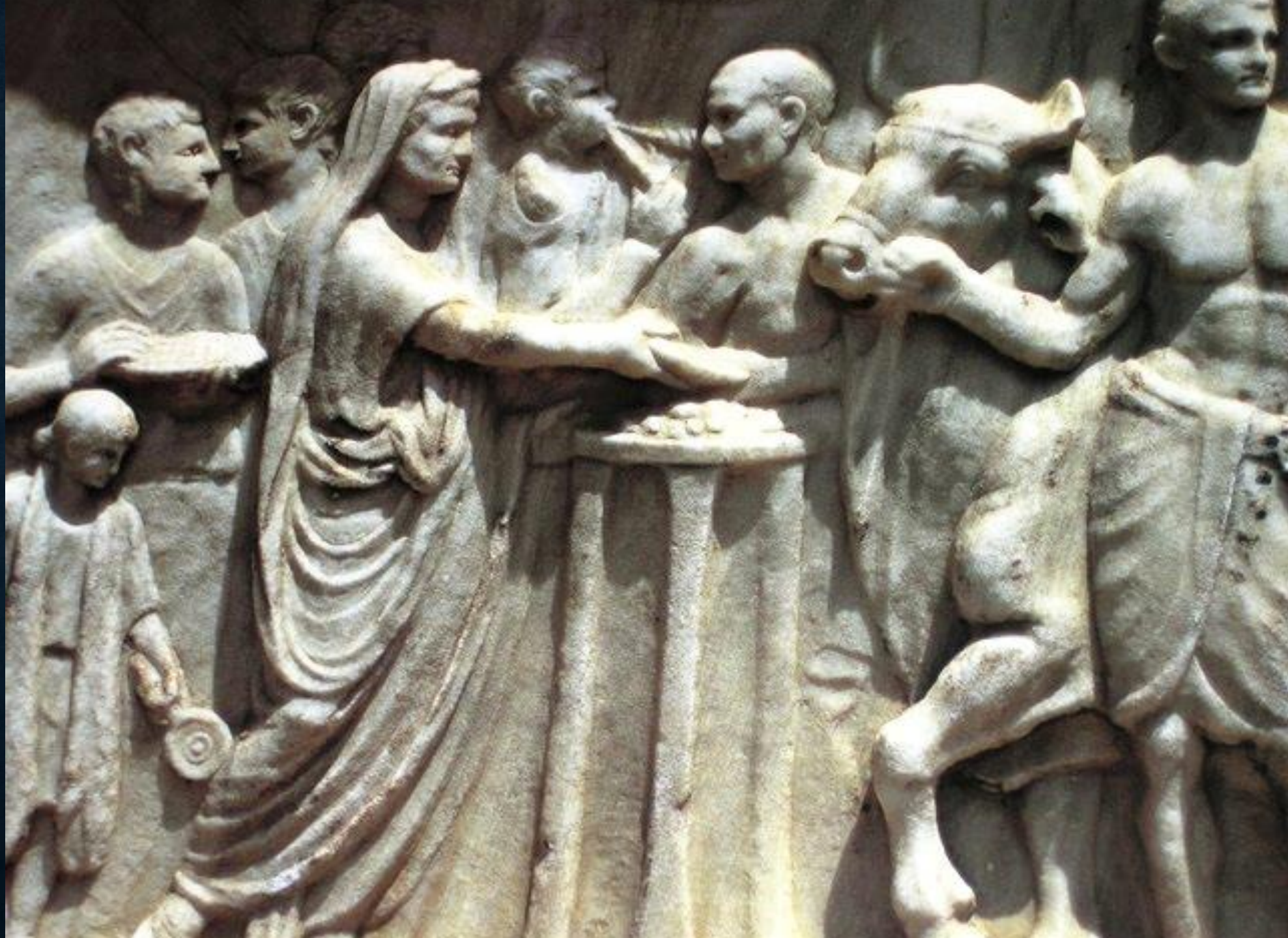
Nero



Marcus Aurelius



Hadrian





The adopting father went to the Roman magistrates, and presented a legal case for the transference of the person to be adopted into his patria potestas

Seven Witnesses



5. IMPLICATIONS

1. Loose all rights to old family
2. Heir to new family's estate
3. Past life all wiped out at vindicatio
4. Absolute child to new father
5. Cannot disown..can disown natural child

GOD'S CHILDREN --SPIRIT

Spirit confirms, authenticates, and ratifies their sonship.

Galatians 4:6-7 (ESV) And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Sonship is expressed by their acclamation that God is their Father.
Aramaic term Jesus himself uses for the Father

PROMISED TO ISRAEL NOW GIVEN TO GENTILES

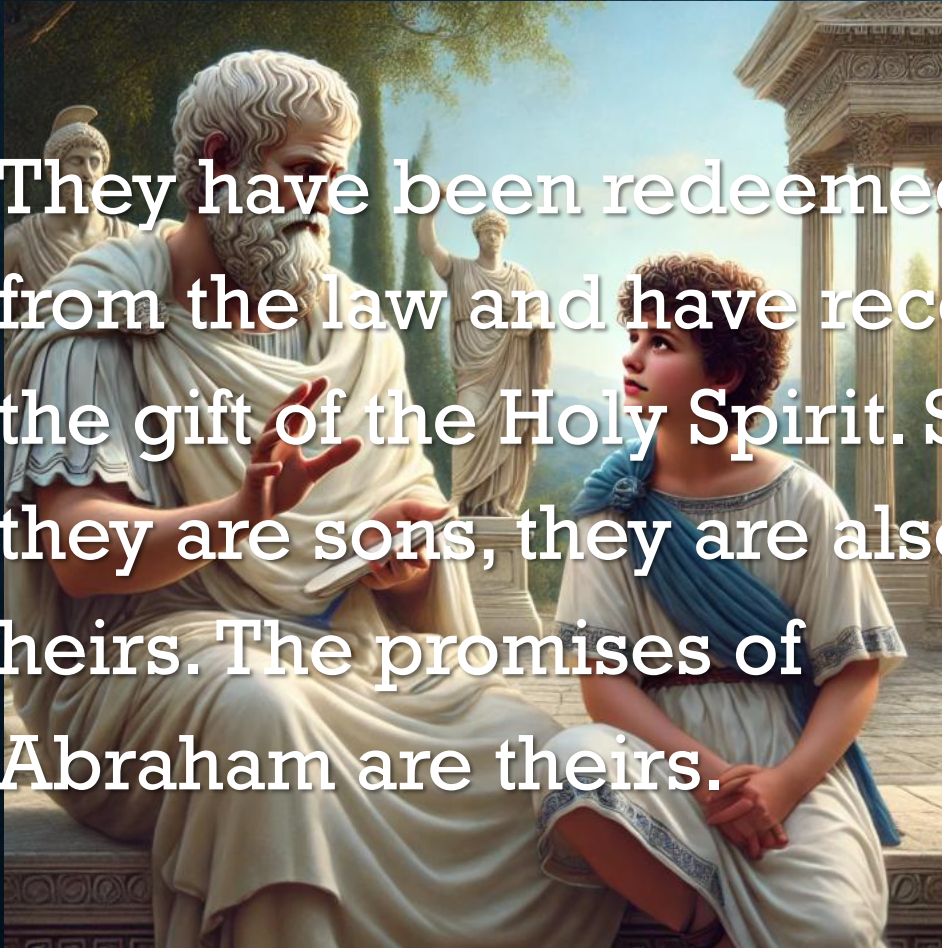
Ezekiel 36:26-27 (ESV) And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

FELLOW HEIRS

Ephesians 3:6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

THEN AN HEIR THROUGH GOD

They have been redeemed from the law and have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Since they are sons, they are also heirs. The promises of Abraham are theirs.



IMPLICATIONS OF ADOPTION

PRODIGAL SON-CONTEXT ISRAEL





Greatness of God's grace and love

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Response
Thanksgiving
Joy
Gratitude
Love

<https://www.celebritynetworth.com/articles/entertainment-articles/the-richest-princesses-in-the-world-not-only-do-they-get-to-wear-a-tiara-they-are-also-royally-rich/>

RENEWED DESIRE TO BE LIKE OUR FATHER

Matthew 5:46-48 Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

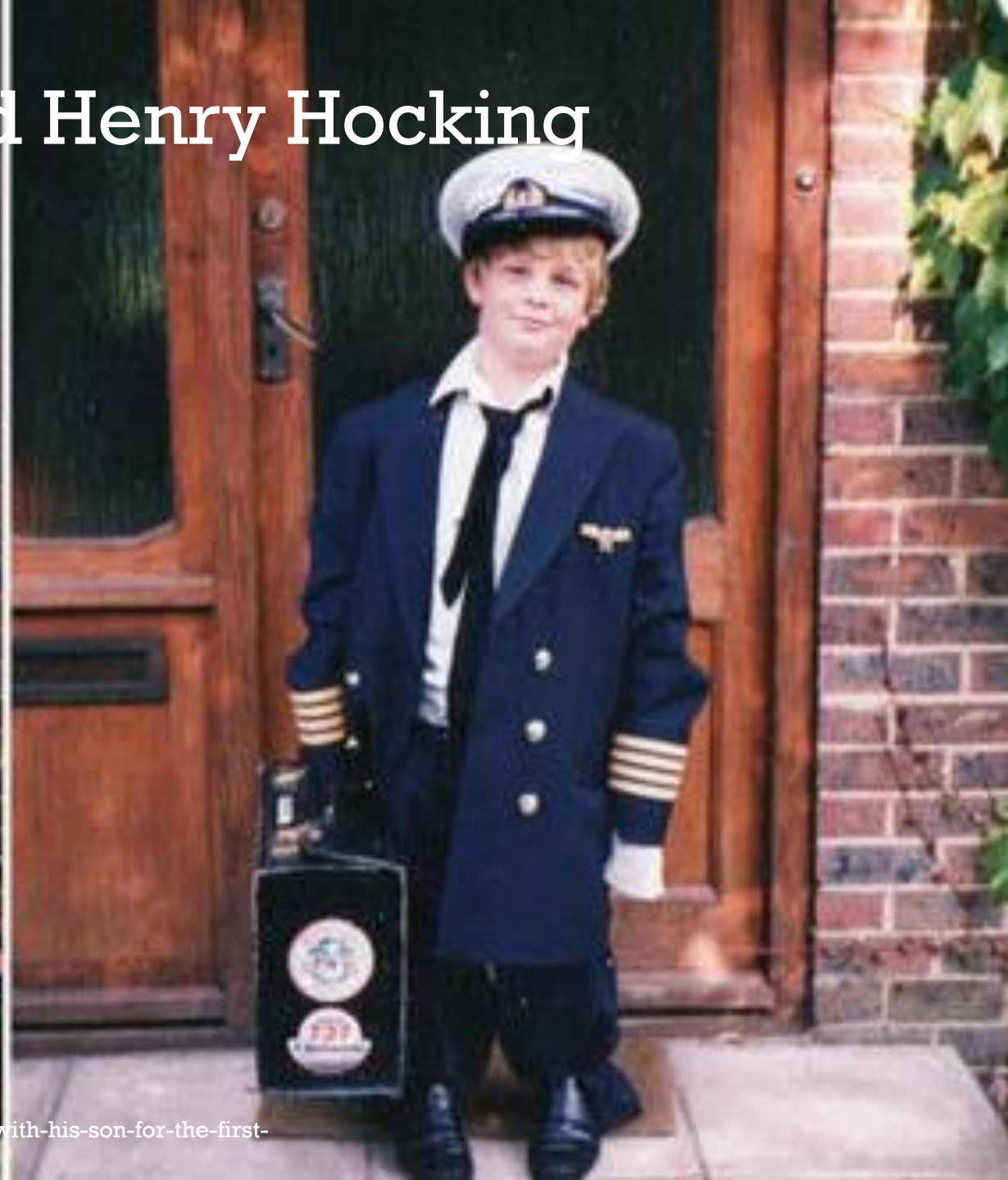
For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Scripture	Literal Translation	KJV	NIV
Neh 12:28	Sons of the singers	Sons of the singers	Muscians
Ps. 89:22	Son of malice	Son of wickedness	The wicked
Job 5:7	Sons of a flame	Sparks	Sparks
2 Sam 17:10	Sons of might	A mighty man	A fighter
Mark 3:17	Sons of Thunder	Sons of Thunder	Sons of Thunder
Dan 25:2	Sons of the beating	Worthy to be beaten	Deserves to be beaten

Richard and Henry Hocking



<https://www.express.co.uk/travel/articles/662029/father-co-pilots-flight-with-his-son-for-the-first-time-to-honour-retirement>

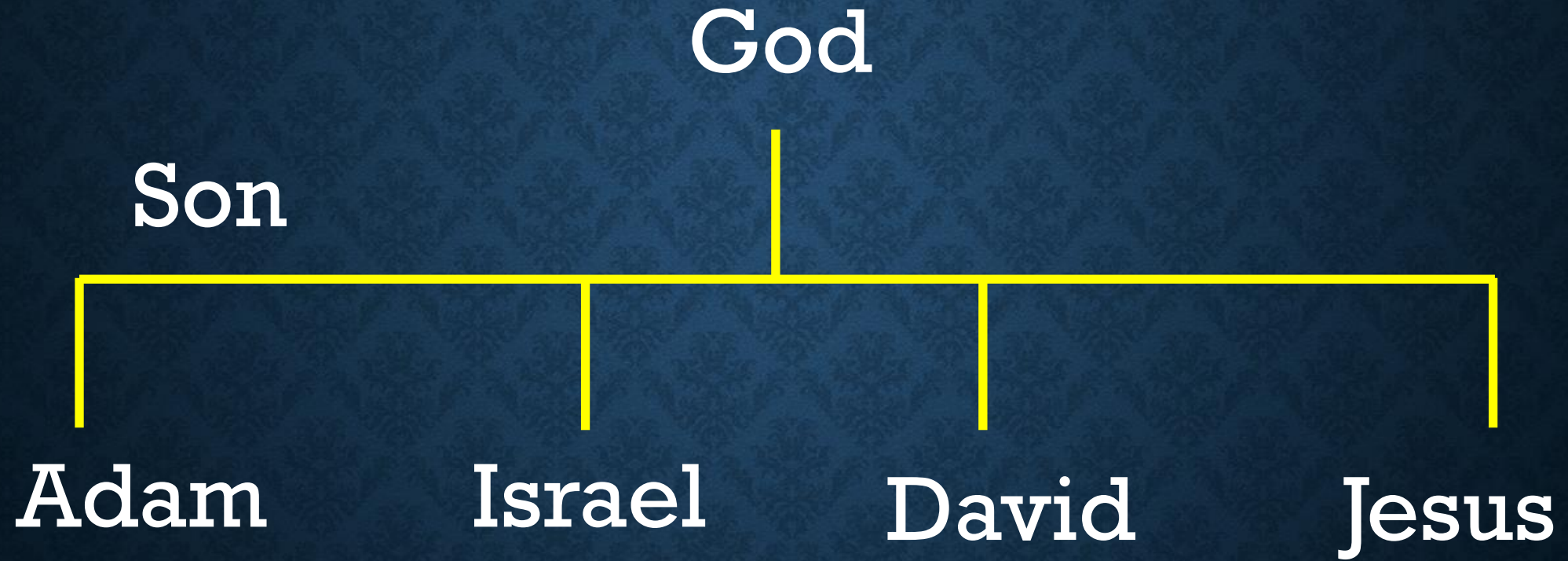


A photograph of two pilots in a cockpit. The pilot on the left is older, with white hair and a beard, wearing a white pilot's shirt with stripes on the sleeve and a striped tie. The pilot on the right is younger, with short blonde hair, also in a white pilot's shirt with stripes and a striped tie. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The cockpit background shows various instruments and screens.

London Gatwick to Cancun, Mexico.

GOSPEL HOLINESS

SONSHIP AS VOCATION



your father defines your work

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LOVE CHARACTERISTIC OF SONSHIP

1 John 3:10 ESV By this it is evident who are

the **children of God** and

who are the **children of the devil**: whoever does not
practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who
does not love his brother



RELATING TO GOD

- Confidence and boldness
- Access to God in prayer
- Assurance and security
- Guarantee of sharing God's glory

<https://people.com/politics/presidents-and-their-kids-playing-in-the-white-house/>

SANCTIFYING POWER OF HOPE

1 John 3:2-3 (ESV) 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure



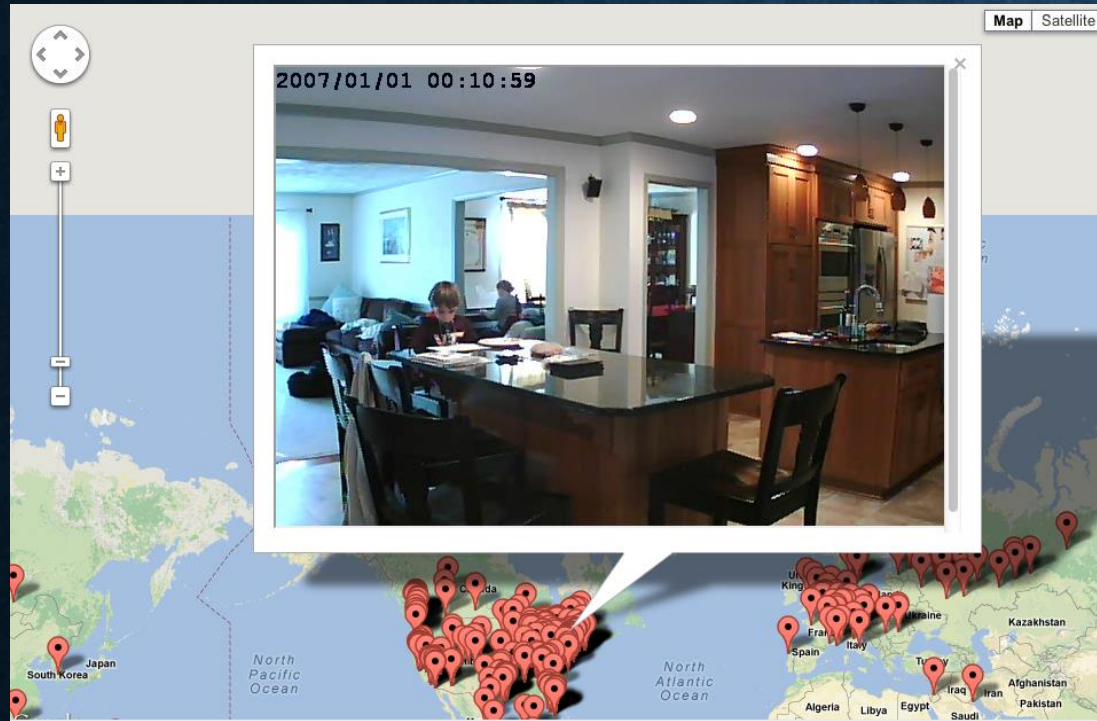
CRYING OUT

Cry out- loud, deep passionate
with feeling

Spontaneous, warm, free

Sense nearness of God's
presence

QUEST FOR SIGNIFICANCE





**KEY TO BREAK THROUGH IS TO
FIND HIM BEAUTIFUL**

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STOP REBUILDING WALLS



THE WHOLE BODY-MISSIONS

A composite image featuring a woman's face with green eyes and purple lips. The continents of the world are overlaid on her face, with North and South America on the left and Europe and Africa on the right. The background is a deep blue.

2 Timothy 2:10 (ESV) 10
Therefore I endure
everything for the sake of
the elect, that they also may
obtain the salvation that is
in Christ Jesus with eternal
glory