

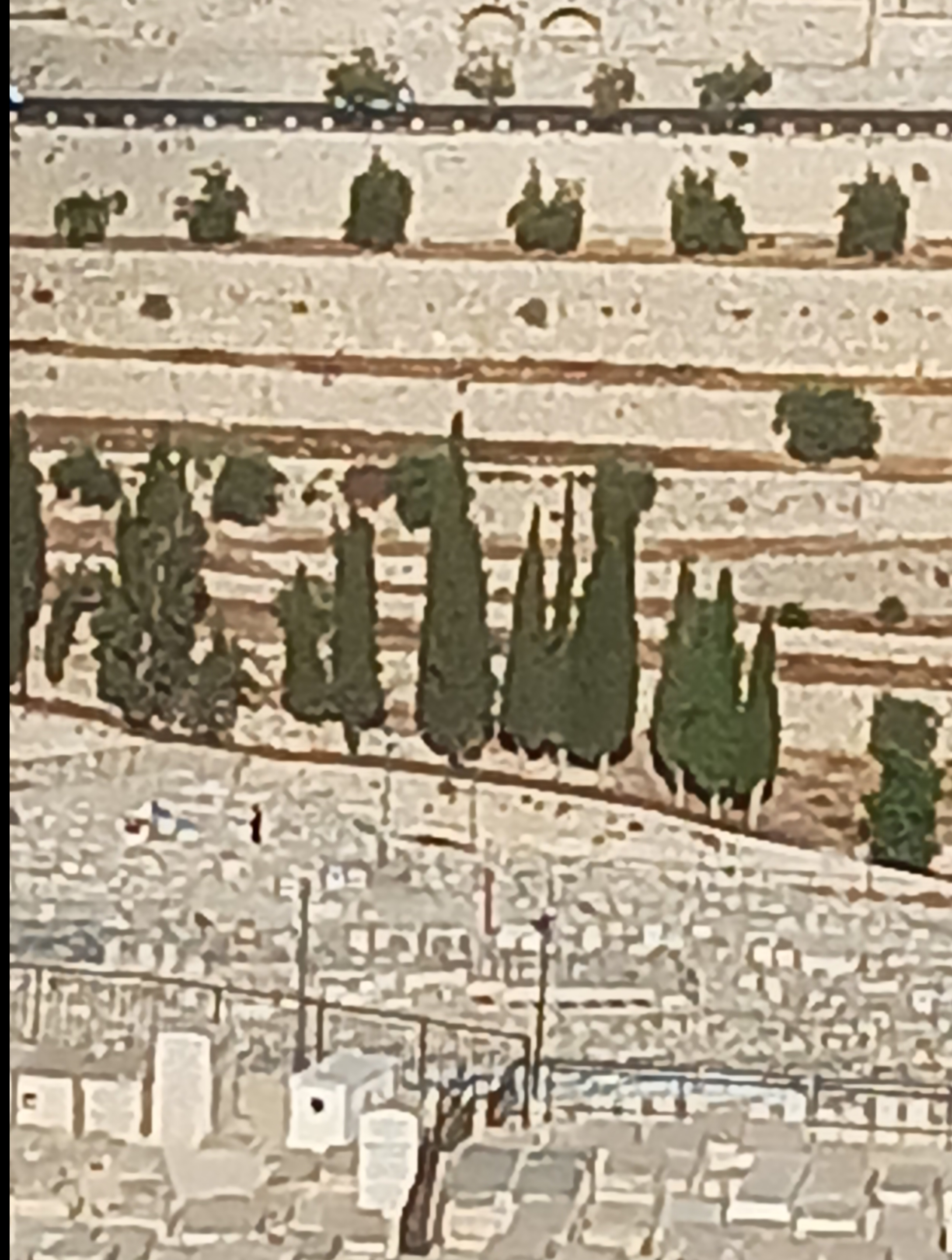
Galatians 4:5-7

Jesus Accomplishes What Law Cannot

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

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





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- Redemption
 - Apolutrow - to set free, to release: Romans 3:24, Ephesians 1:7
 - Agorazō - to purchase: 1 Corinthians 6:20, 2 Peter 2:1
 - Exagorazō - to purchase, remove, and to take away: Galatians 3:13
 - Lutro - to set free: Titus 2:14, 1 Timothy 2:6, 1 Peter 1:18-19

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- Results of Redemption
 - Salvation and ownership by Christ, Romans 3:23-25, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - Freedom and fellowship- Romans 6:18-22, Ephesians 1:7, Titus 2:14

The meaning of adoption

Adoption is a legal term that means the placing of a son. It is the act of one man taking the son of another to be his son. This act gives the adopted son all the advantages of a son by birth. Adoption was largely a Roman custom, and was rarely practiced by the Jews. An example of adoption is Moses (Exodus 2:10, Hebrews 11:24).

The time of adoption

Adoption takes place at the time of salvation (1 John 3:2, Galatians 3:26). This act is now the present and permanent possession of the believer. The act of adoption was assured to the believer before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4-5). This again shows that adoption, like the rest of salvation, is totally an act of God's grace and excludes all human works, religion, and character. The world does not recognize Christians as God's sons, but in the future God will openly declare His sons (Romans 8:23, 2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 John 3:1-3).

The blessings of adoption

- We are objects of God's special love and care
Luke 12:27-33, John 17:23, Titus 2:14, 1 Peter 2:9
- We have free access to the Father
Ephesians 3:12
- We have the family name
Ephesians 3:14-15, 1 John 3:1
- We have the family love
John 13:35, Romans 8:29, 1 John 3:14

The blessings of adoption

- We engage in family service
John 14:23-24, 15:8
- We have the family Spirit
Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6
- We have family chastisement
Hebrews 12:5-11
- We will receive a family inheritance
Romans 1:3-5, 1 Peter 1:3-5

The Holy Spirit

- Indwells - John 14:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 3:2
- Seals - 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30
- Teaches - John 14:16, 26, 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9-13
- Intercedes - Romans 8:26
- Fills - Ephesians 5:18
- Brings victory over the flesh - Galatians 5:16-25

Heirs of God

1. Gives access to the Father - God is our Abba. A term of endearment, that slaves could not use. A huge change from the Old Testament view of the Father.
2. Joint-heirs with Christ - Romans 8:17; Galatians 3:29; Titus 3:7; Hebrews 1:14, 6:17; James 2:5; 1 Peter 3:7
3. We are with God - Ephesians 1:3, 2:6