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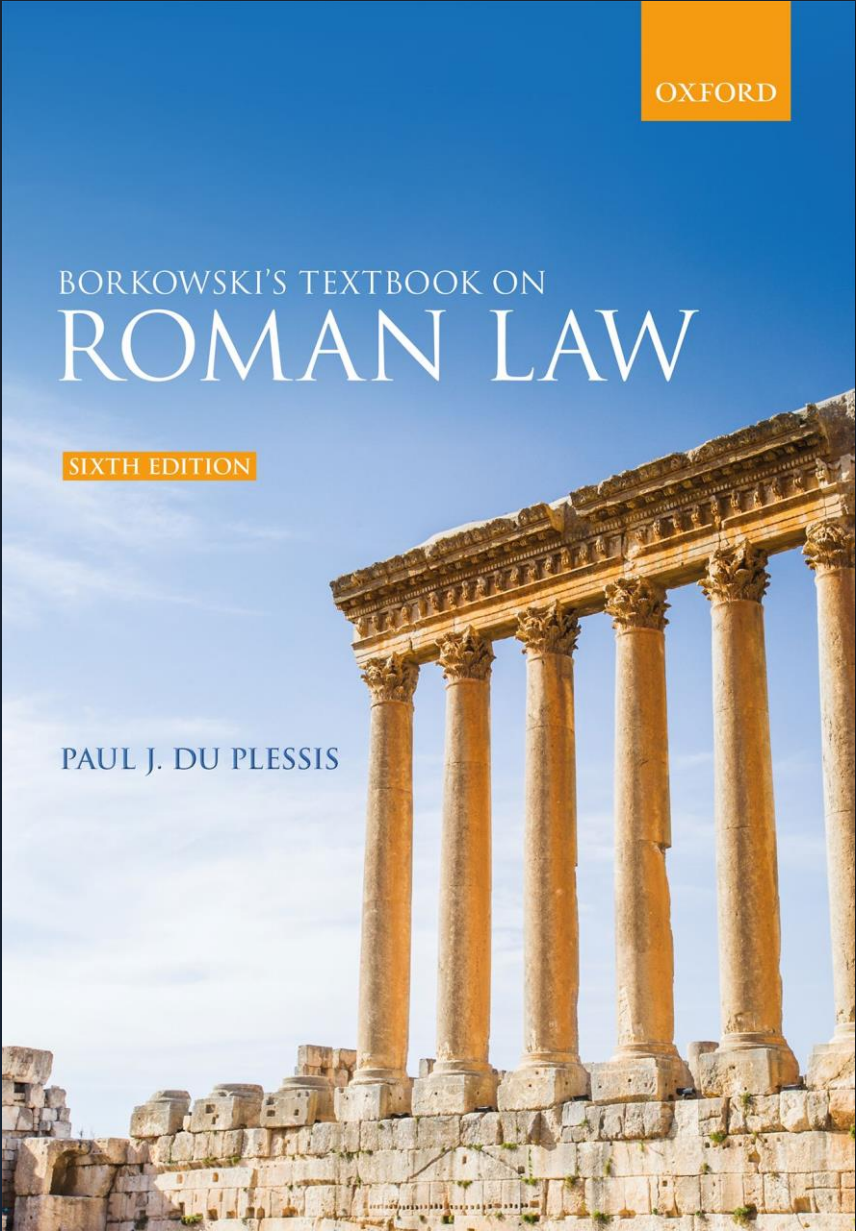
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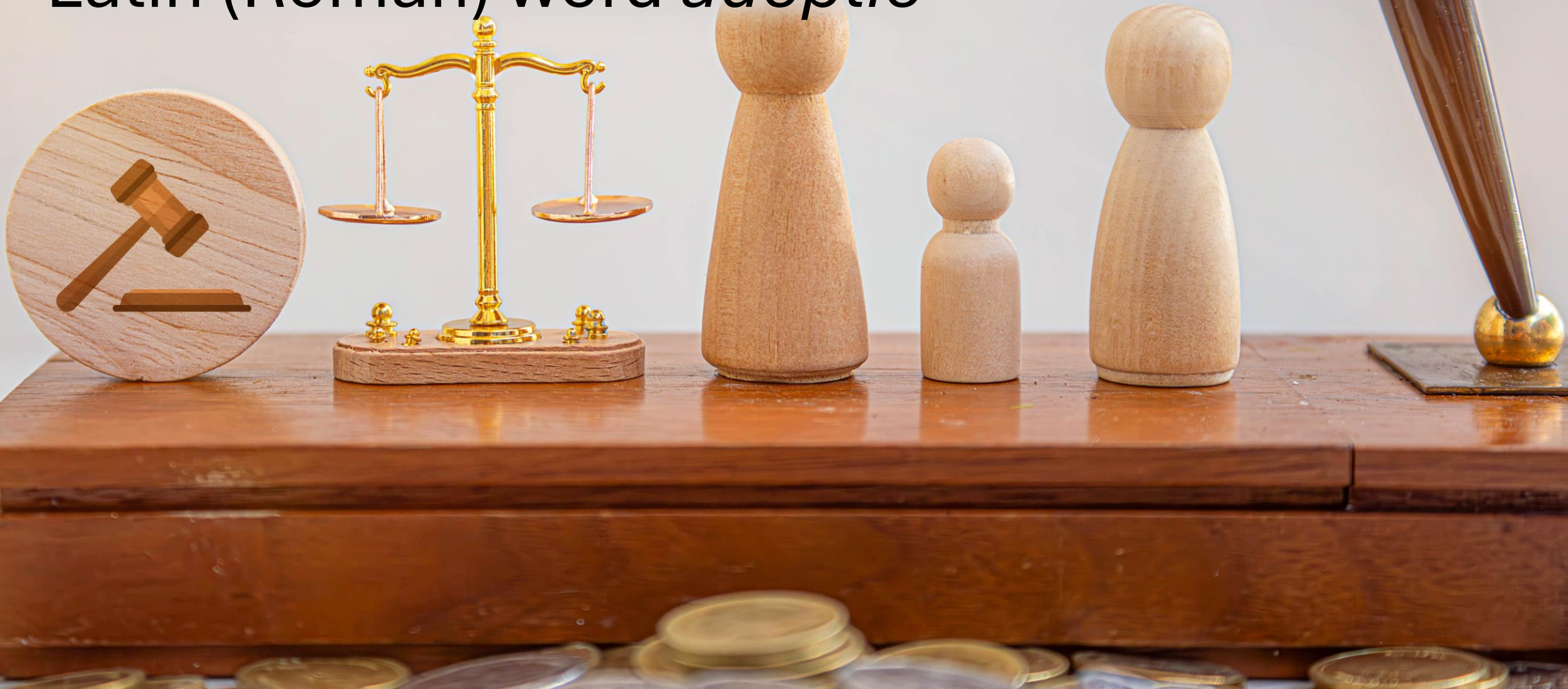
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Rome had an
extensive and
detailed legal system



“Adoption” comes from the Latin (Roman) word *adoptio*



For us, adoption is
giving a homeless
child a loving family



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Under Roman law,
adoption was a
deliberate, formal,
strategic legal act
used most often to
secure an heir

1

CANCELLED



2

A completely new
legal identity – new
family name,
reputation, standing



3

A full legal heir,
entitled to the full
inheritance

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Debtors-We Owe
the Flesh Nothing!

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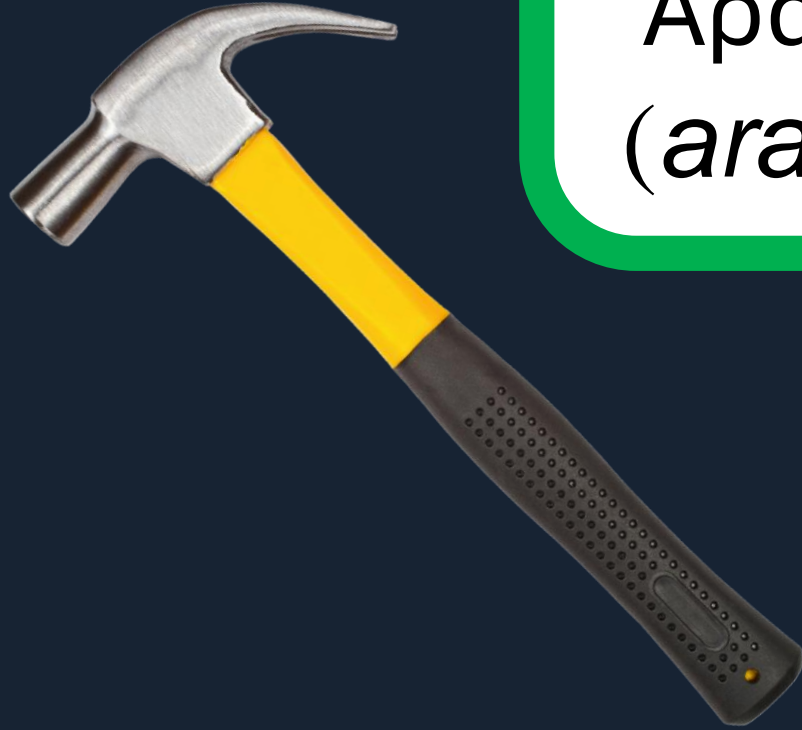
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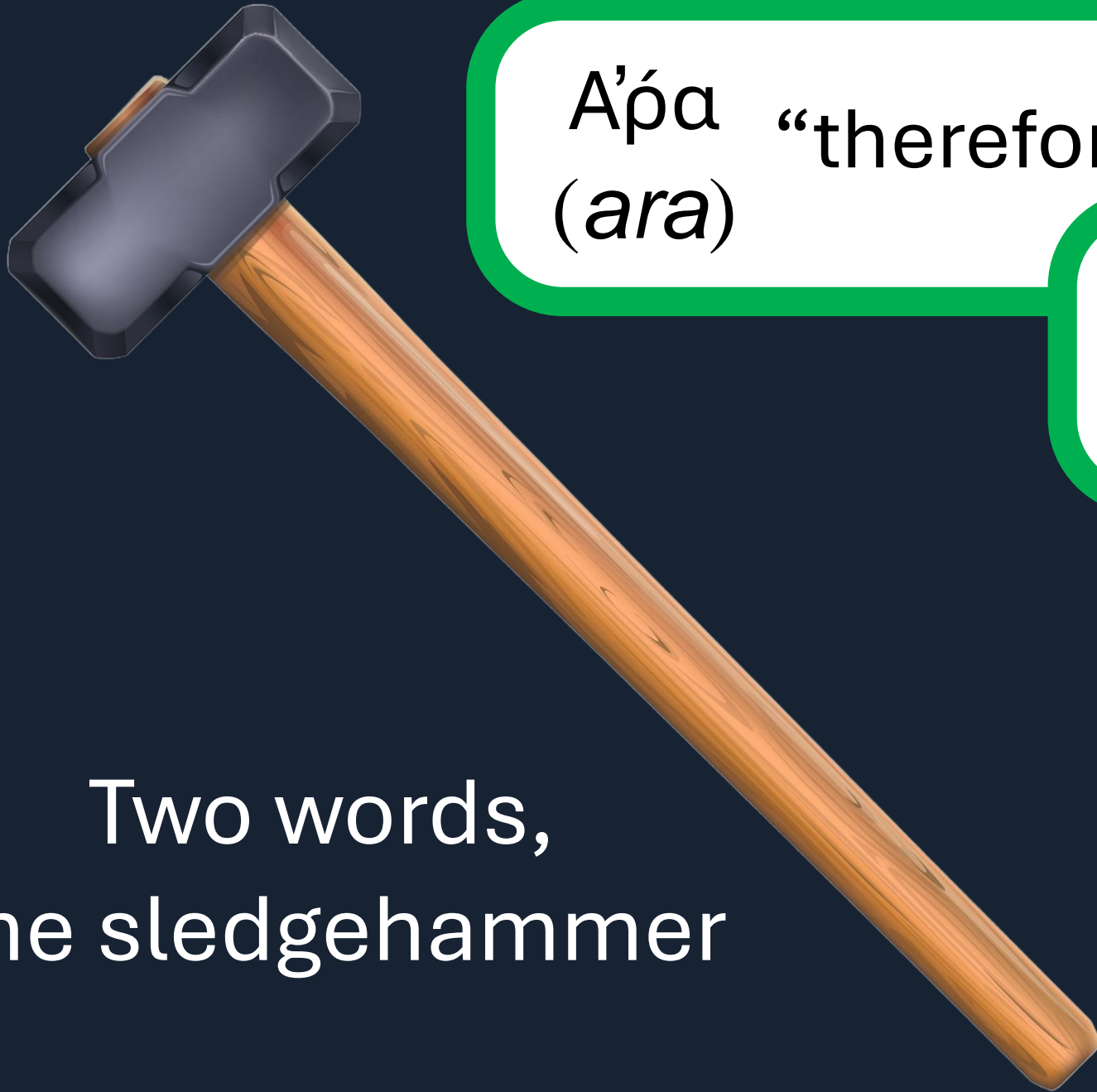
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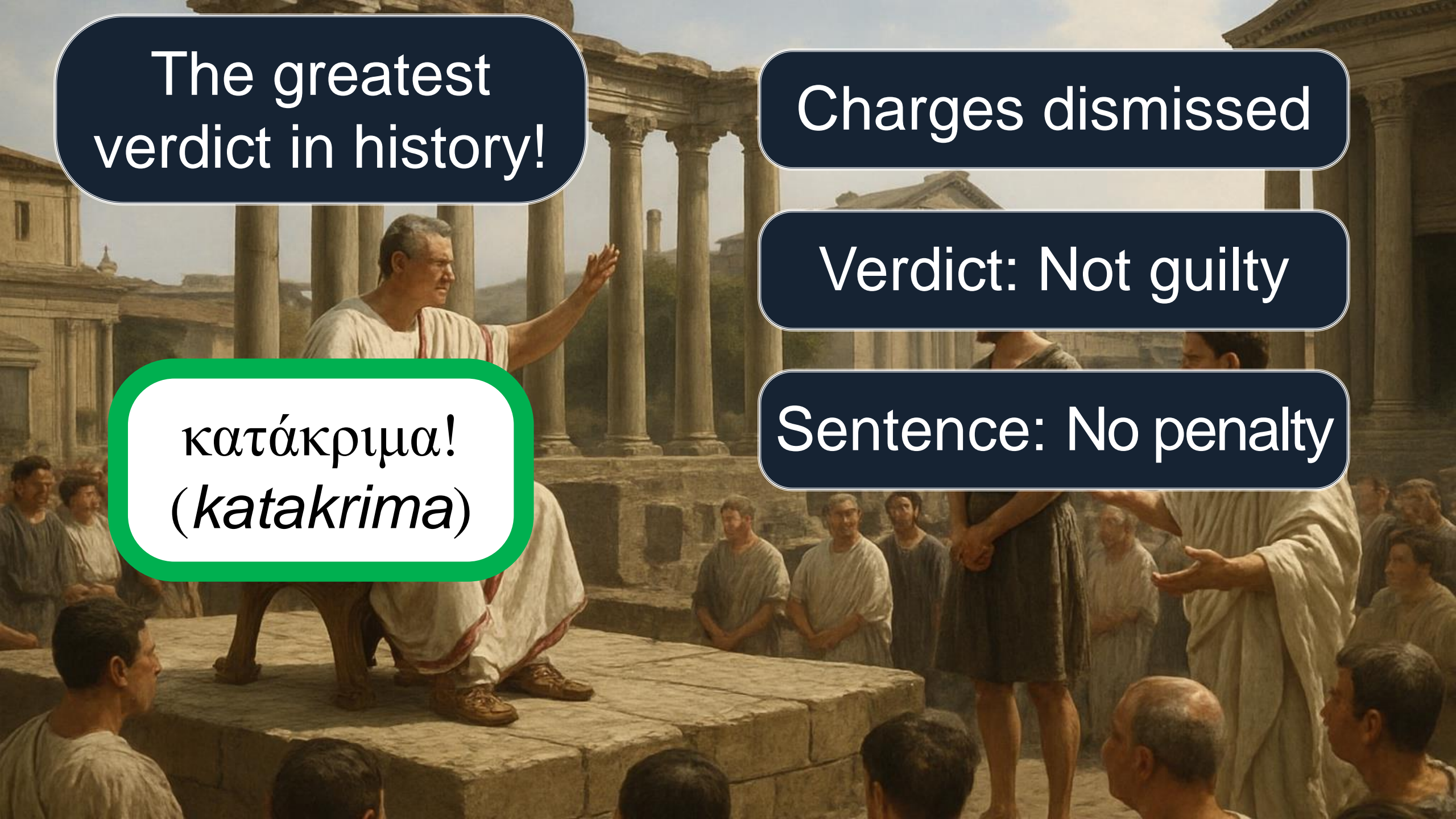
Αἶρα “therefore”
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Two words,
one sledgehammer



**PAY
ATTENTION**



The greatest
verdict in history!

Charges dismissed

Verdict: Not guilty

Sentence: No penalty

κατάκριμα!
(*katakrima*)

Rom. 8:1

There is therefore now
no **condemnation** for
those who are in Christ
Jesus.

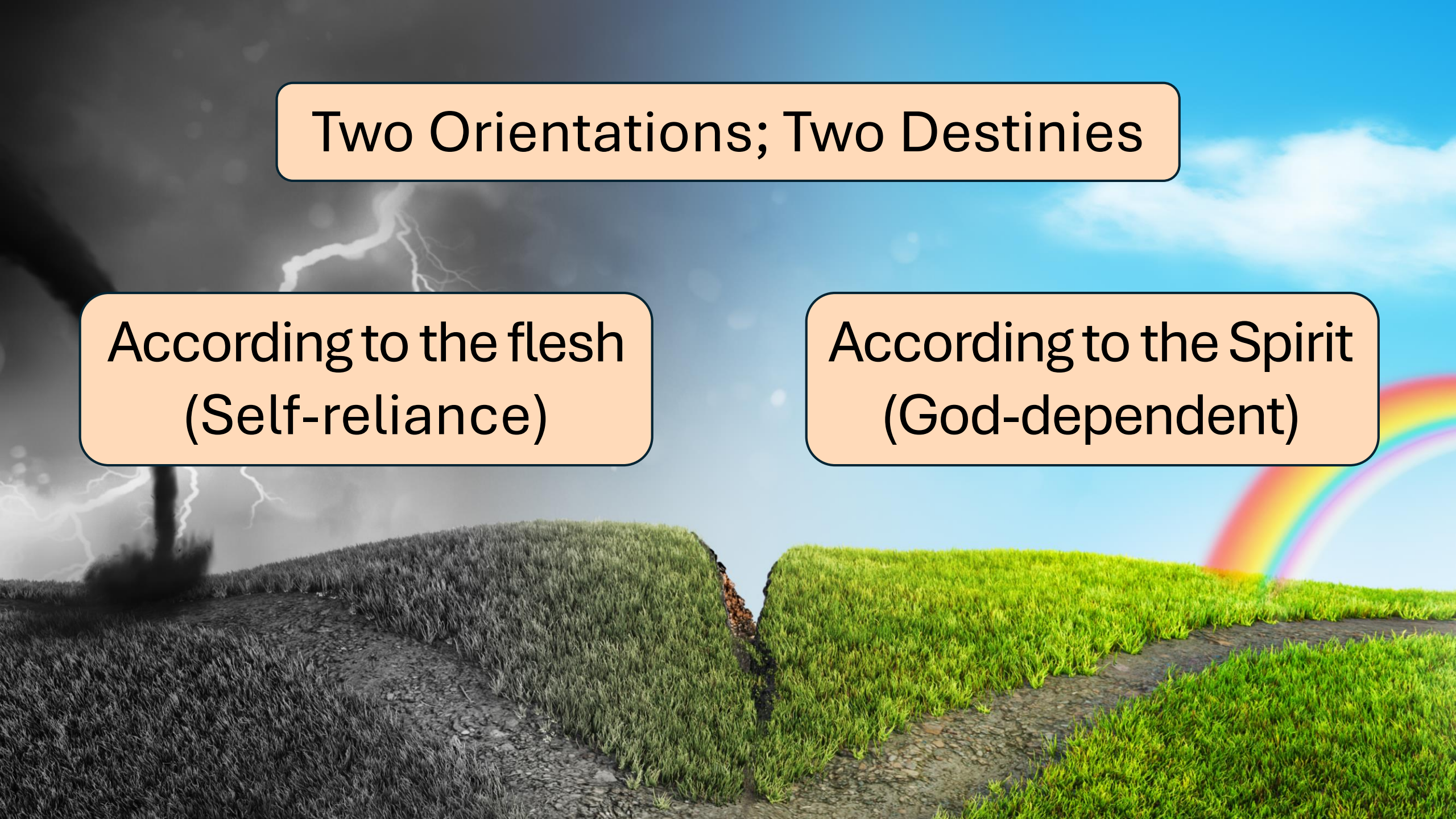
Rom. 8:1

Οὐδὲν ἄρα νῦν
κατάκριμα τοῖς ἐν
Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

Two Orientations; Two Destinies

According to the flesh
(Self-reliance)

According to the Spirit
(God-dependent)

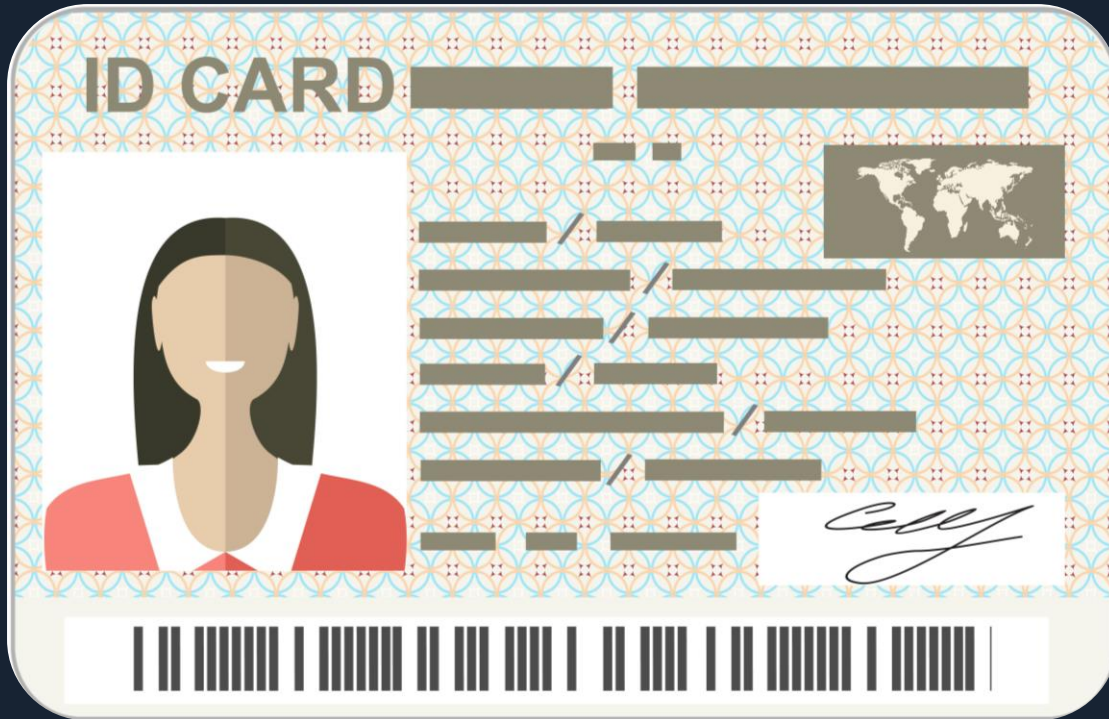


Rom. 8:6

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Rom. 8:6

τὸ γὰρ φρόνημα τῆς
σαρκὸς θάνατος, τὸ δὲ
φρόνημα τοῦ πνεύματος
ζωὴ καὶ εἰρήνη



So, which
are YOU???

You Are Not in Flesh, But in Spirit!

Rom. 8:9

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Rom. 8:9

ὕμεῖς δὲ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἐν σαρκὶ ἀλλὰ ἐν πνεύματι, εἴπερ πνεῦμα θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν. εἰ δέ τις πνεῦμα Χριστοῦ οὐκ ἔχει, οὗτος οὐκ ἔστιν αὐτοῦ.



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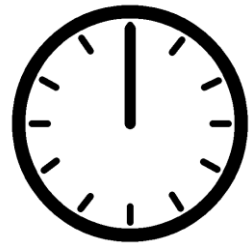
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CANCELLED

Debt



This is your legal status!



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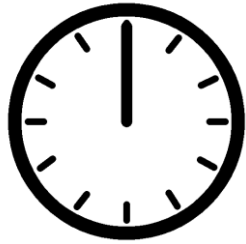
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Look at
the tension

μέλλετε
(*mellete*) “at a future point”



“Present tense
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“Present tense
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You are on the very
verge of....

μέλλετε “at a future
(*mellete*) point”

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A group of seven zombie-like figures stands in a dark, foggy environment. The figures are dark and feature glowing orange eyes. The background is a hazy, yellowish-green color with floating particles. The text "Don't be a zombie!!!" is overlaid in the upper right corner.

Don't be a
zombie!!!

Christian growth isn't
just "try harder,"
it's "yield to the Spirit"



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Sons-Not Slaves

CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH

STATE FILE NUMBER: 111-2021-0123456

DATE ISSUED: JAN 10
DATE

CHILD'S INFORMATION

What are the defining marks of sonship?

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

- Sign this card in ink immediately.
- Keep your card in a safe place to prevent loss or theft.
- **DO NOT CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU.**
- Do not laminate.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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low others to use your number if stolen. Protect both your

record (if you are entitled to benefits). You will need to report any changes to your identity, and work

your employer uses your Social Security number to report your earnings to the Social Security Administration.

Private employers are required to use your Social Security number for reporting purposes.

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SEX:

PLACE OF BIRTH:

CITY, COUNTY OF BIRTH:

MOTHER'S/PARENT'S INFORMATION

NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE

NAME:

4/2020

Rom. 8:14

For all who are led by
the Spirit of God are
sons of God.

Rom. 8:14

ὅσοι **γὰρ** πνεύματι θεοῦ
ἄγονται, οὗτοι υἱοὶ θεοῦ
εἰσιν.

ἄγονται passive
(*agontai*) voice

So you led your
people... (Is. 63:14)



וְאַתָּה הֵיכָלְךָ הָיָה
לְעַמְּךָ וְאַתָּה הֵיכָלְךָ
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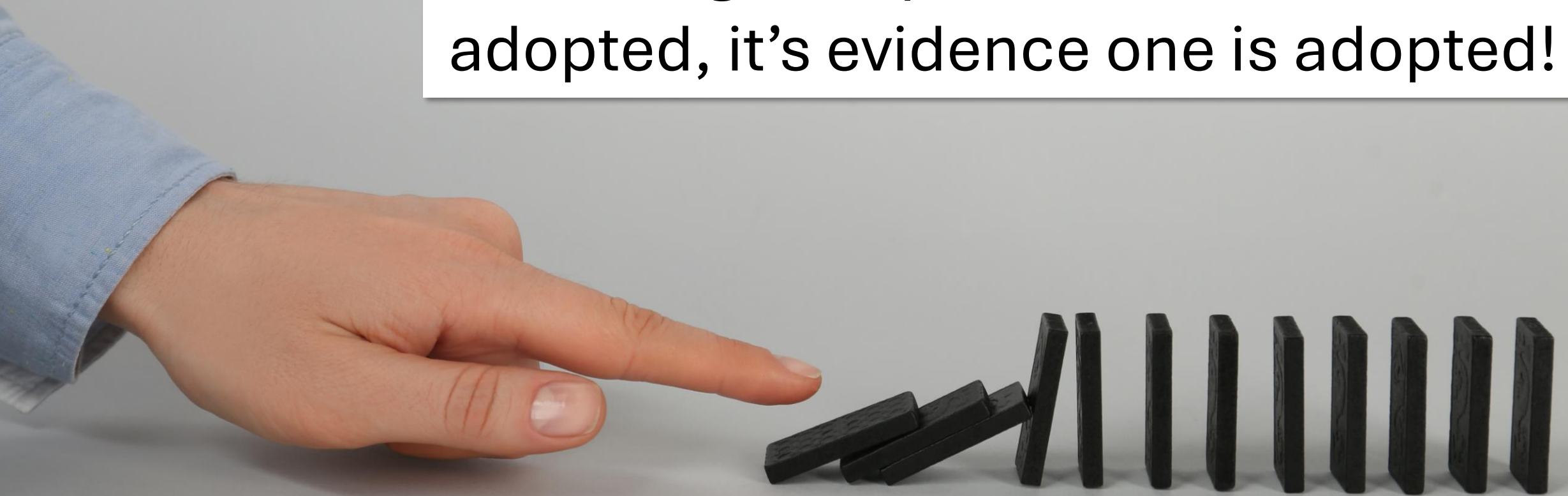
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Following the Spirit doesn't make one adopted, it's evidence one is adopted!



Rom. 8:15

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υἰοθεσίας ἐν ᾧ
κράζομεν· αββα ὁ
πατήρ.

A woman with long brown hair, seen from behind, stands with her arms raised in a gesture of freedom or prayer. She is wearing a grey, textured, long-sleeved sweater. Her wrists are bound with metal handcuffs, and the chains extend outwards. The background is a clear blue sky with some trees visible at the bottom. The overall mood is one of liberation and hope.

Adoption vs. Slavery

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Am I doing enough?
Did I goof too badly?
Does God accept
me today?



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This is a
Paul word!!!

Rom. 8:15, 23

Rom. 9:4

Gal. 4:5

Eph. 1:5

υιοθεσία adopt
(*huiothesia*) a son



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non enim accepistis
spiritum servitutis
iterum in timore sed
accepistis Spiritum
adoptionis filiorum in
quo clamamus Abba
Pater

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Two languages:
one cry!

Abba!

Pater!

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Two
witnesses!



Rom. 8:16

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children** of God,

Rom. 8:16

αὐτὸ τὸ πνεῦμα
συμμαρτυρεῖ τῷ
πνεύματι ἡμῶν ὅτι ἐσμὲν
τέκνα θεοῦ.

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COMPOUND
WORDS



COM

From Latin *cum*: “with”

Also “co-” “con-” “col-” and “cor-”

SUN

From Greek *συν*: “with”

Also *συμ*, and *συγ*

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si autem filii et
heredes heredes
quidem Dei coheredes
autem Christi si tamen
conpatimur ut et
conglorificemur

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Points for
Home

“We are not debtors
to the flesh...”
(Rom. 8:12)

You owe the flesh nothing!
Stop paying it!!!





Points for Home

“For you did not receive
the spirit of slavery to fall
back into fear...”

(Rom. 8:15)

Approach the Father as an
heir, not a scared slave

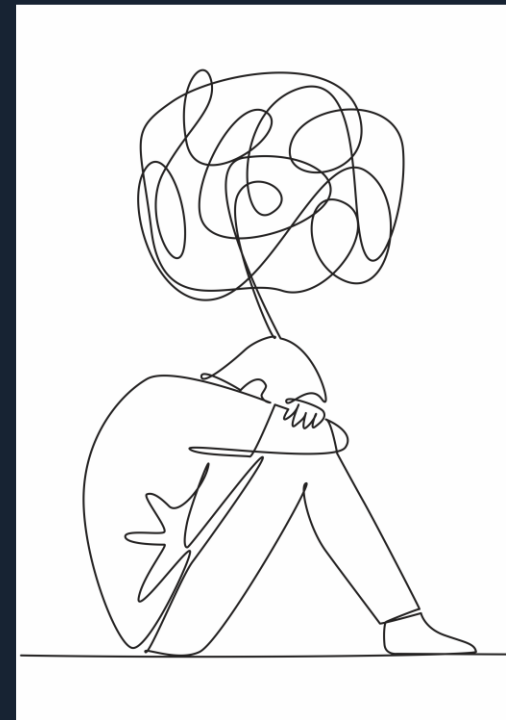




Points for Home

“we suffer with him in
order that we may also
be glorified with him”
(Rom. 8:17)

Suffering doesn't mean
something's gone wrong;
it's the path to glory!



A photograph of three people sitting at a table outdoors, eating lunch. On the left, a man in a white shirt is looking down at his food. In the center, a woman in a white shirt is smiling and talking to the man on the right. On the right, a man in a light blue shirt is listening. They are eating from white takeout containers. There are glasses of water and a plate of oranges on the table. The background is a wooden wall.

Lunch topic:

Is your primary emotional experience of God more like a slave before a master or a child before a good father???

Romans

