

# Paul – His Theology



## Metaphors – Part 2 “Adopted” and “Reckoned”

### Lesson 26

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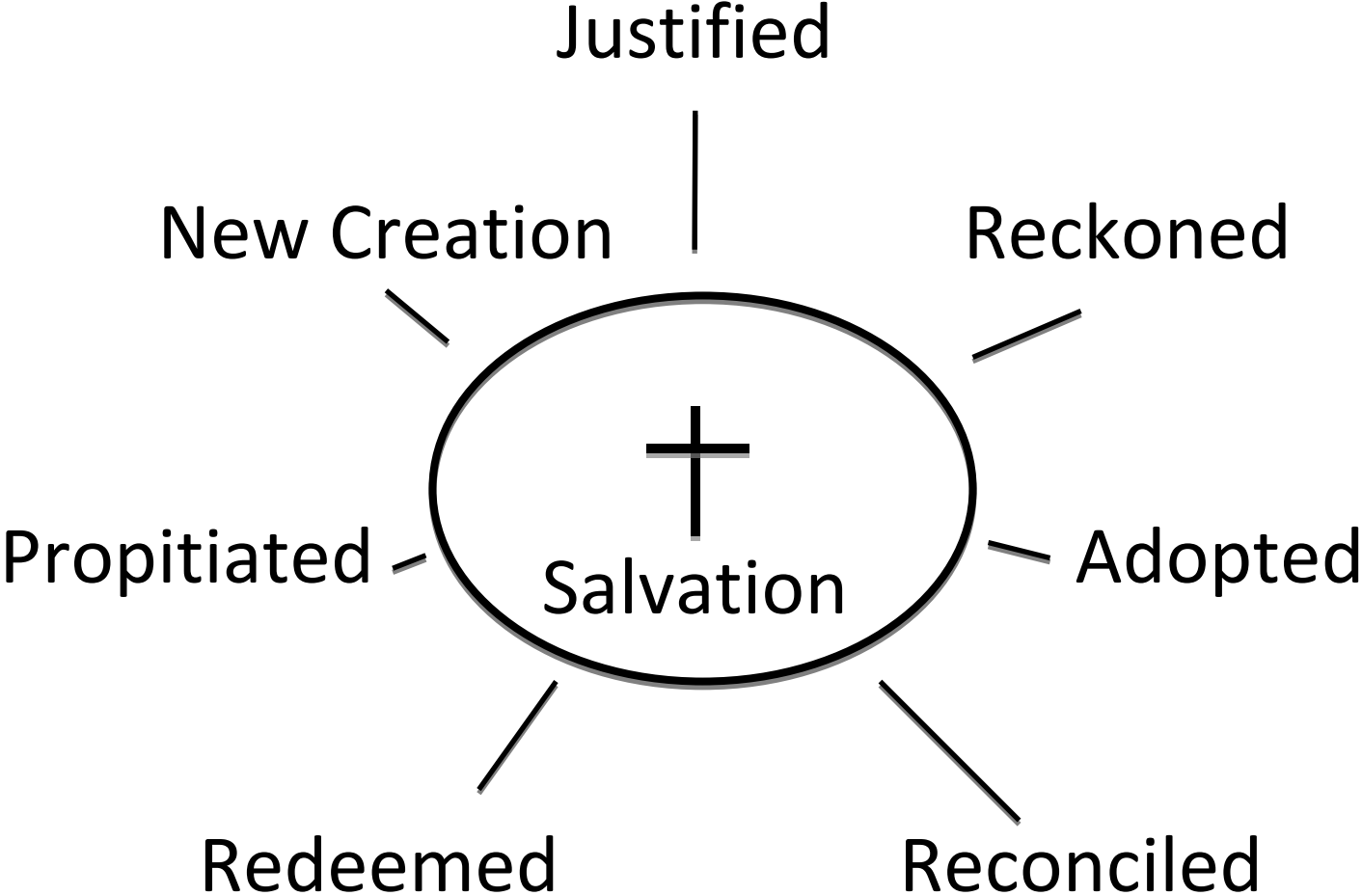
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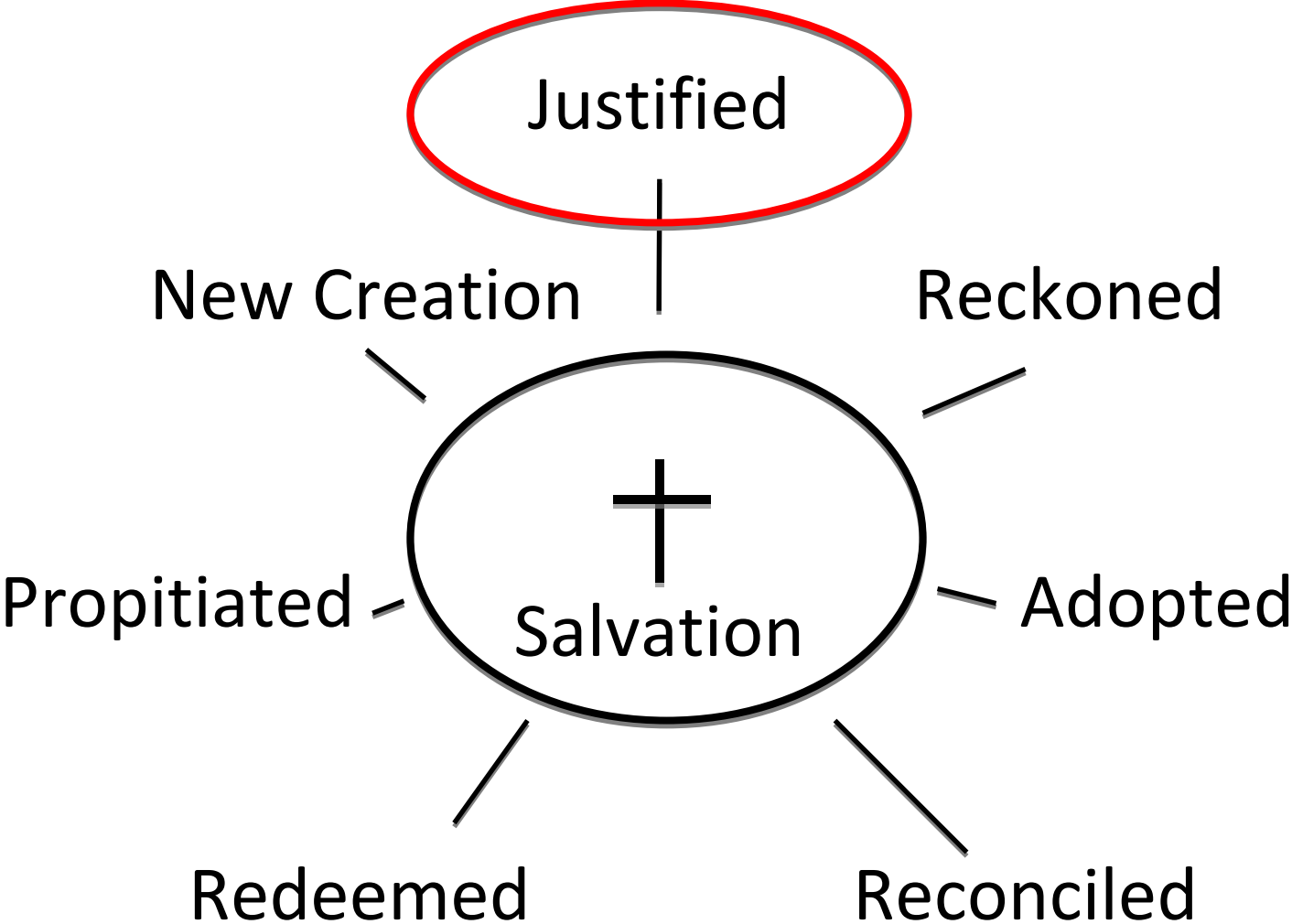
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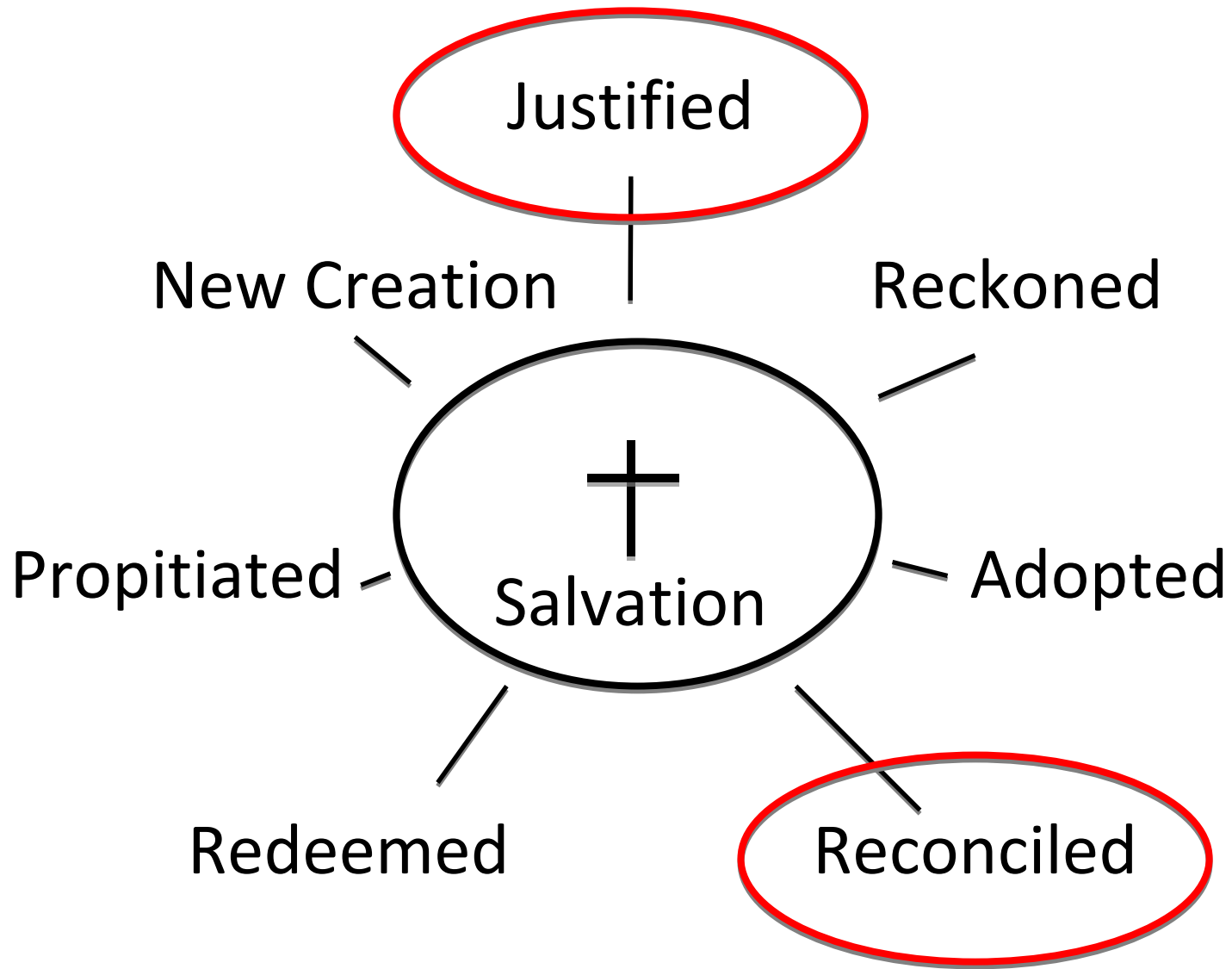


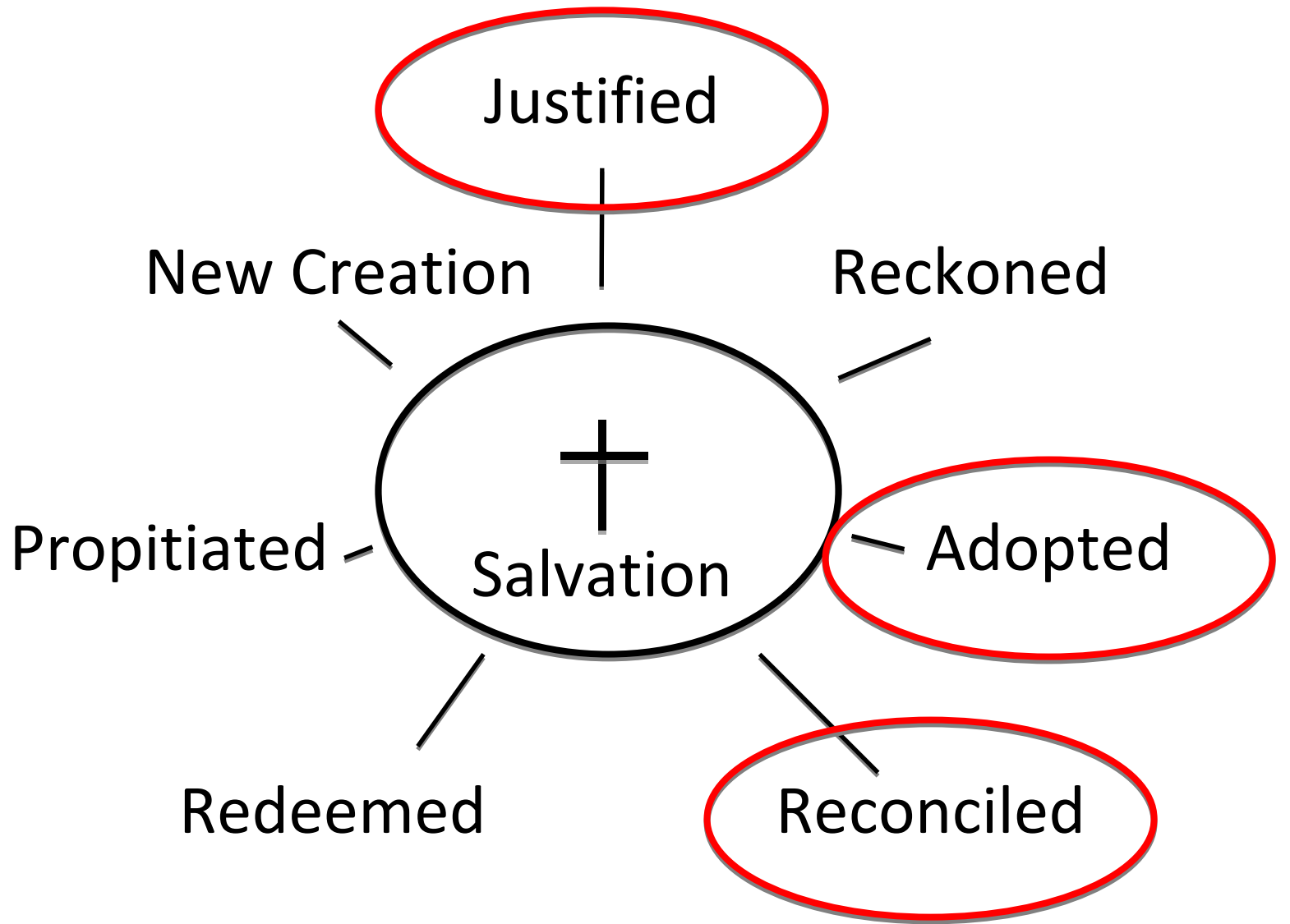
I think keys breed when we are not  
looking

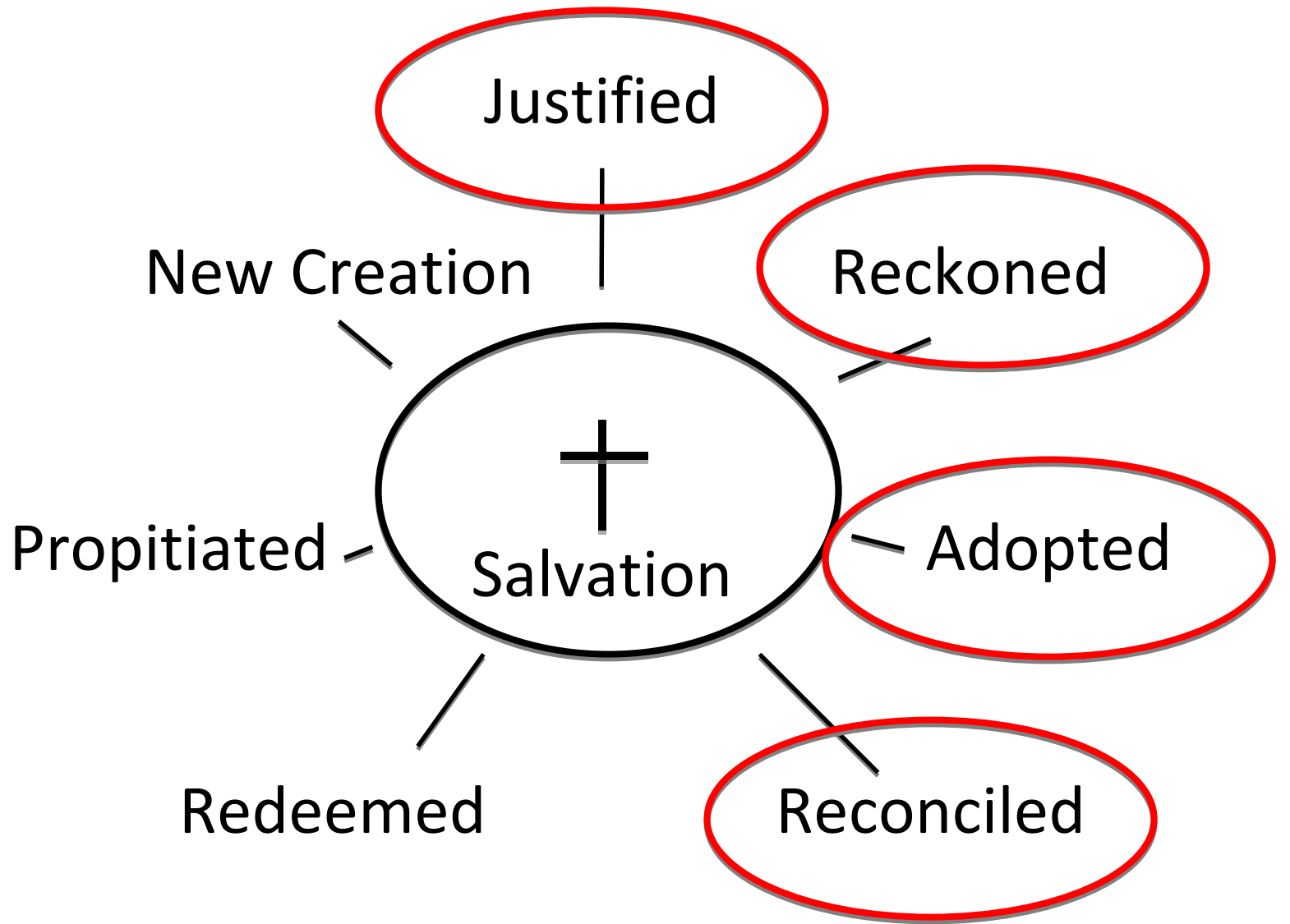














# Adoption in America



Paul uses “adoption” as a metaphor  
for our salvation

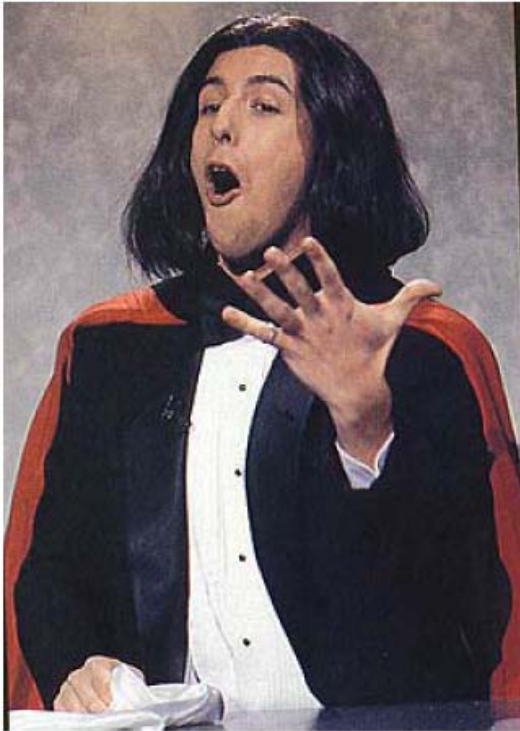


# Adoption in Rome





# Roman “adoption” *adoptio* and *adrogatio*



Adopted is *adoptio*

Another word is  
*adrogatio*

No time in class-o

So read your  
written lesson-o



**WARNING**

**Paul was not a  
lawyer**



**WARNING**

**Metaphors can be  
pushed too far**

**Adoption in America**

**Adoption in Rome**

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For the good of the  
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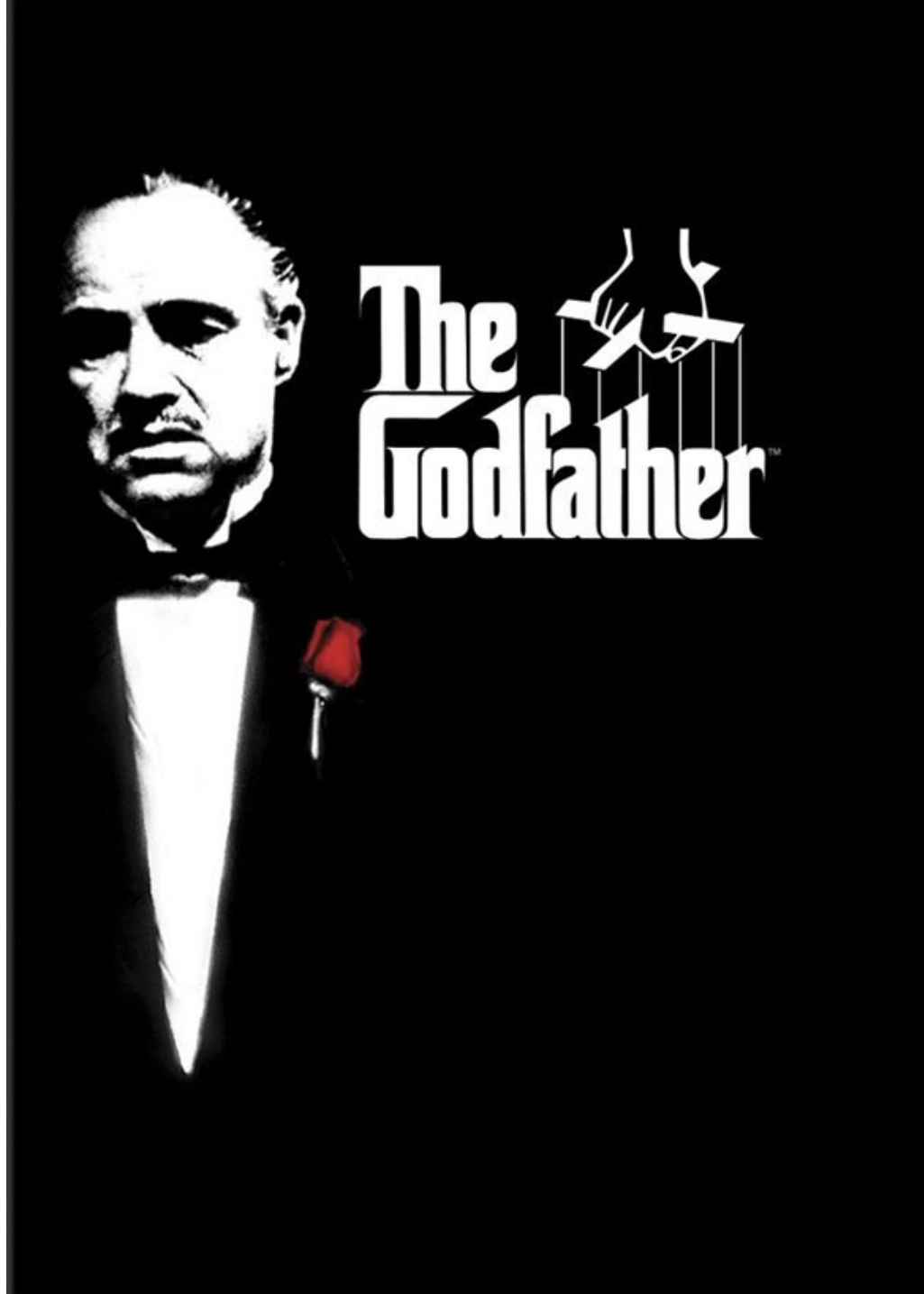
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Roman society and families were built around the *potestas* (power) of the *paterfamilias* (father of the family)



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(power)  
of the  
*paterfamilias*  
(father of the  
family)

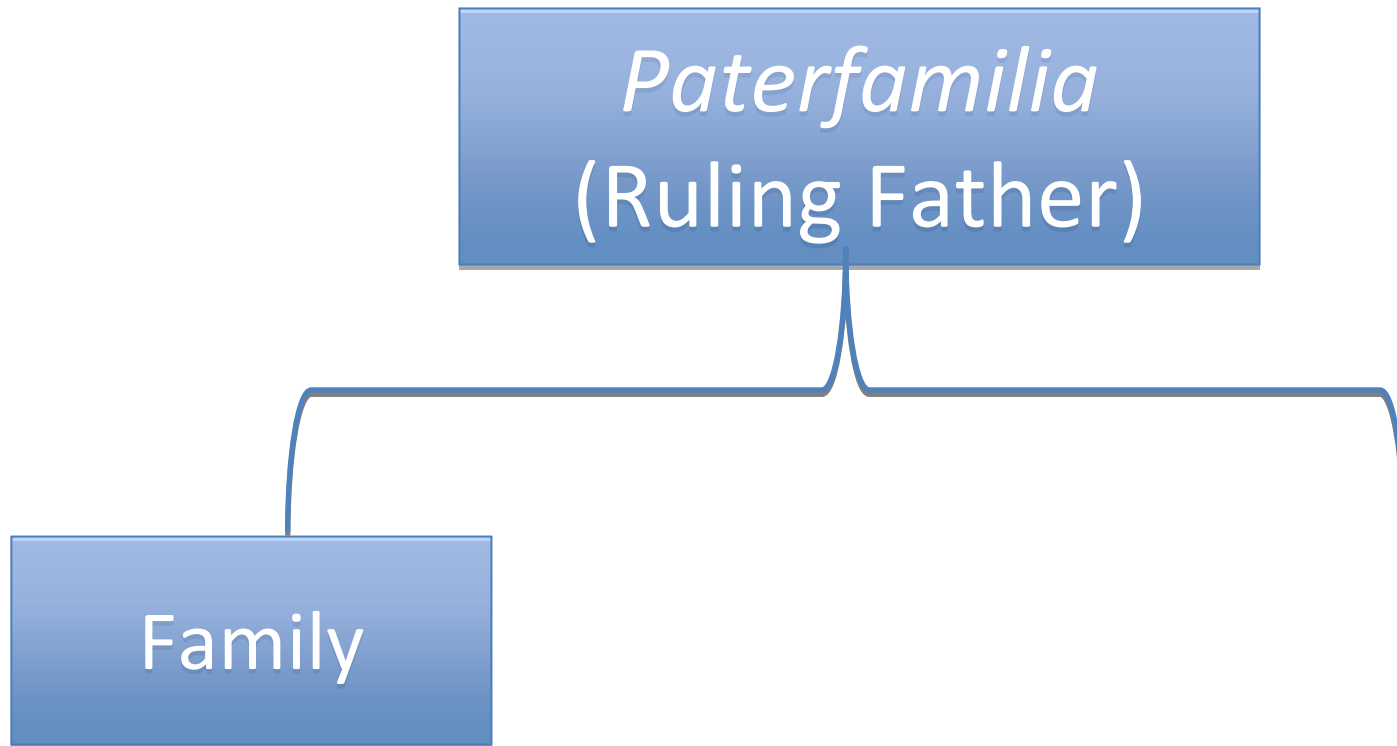


The adopted son became the absolute possession of the adopter

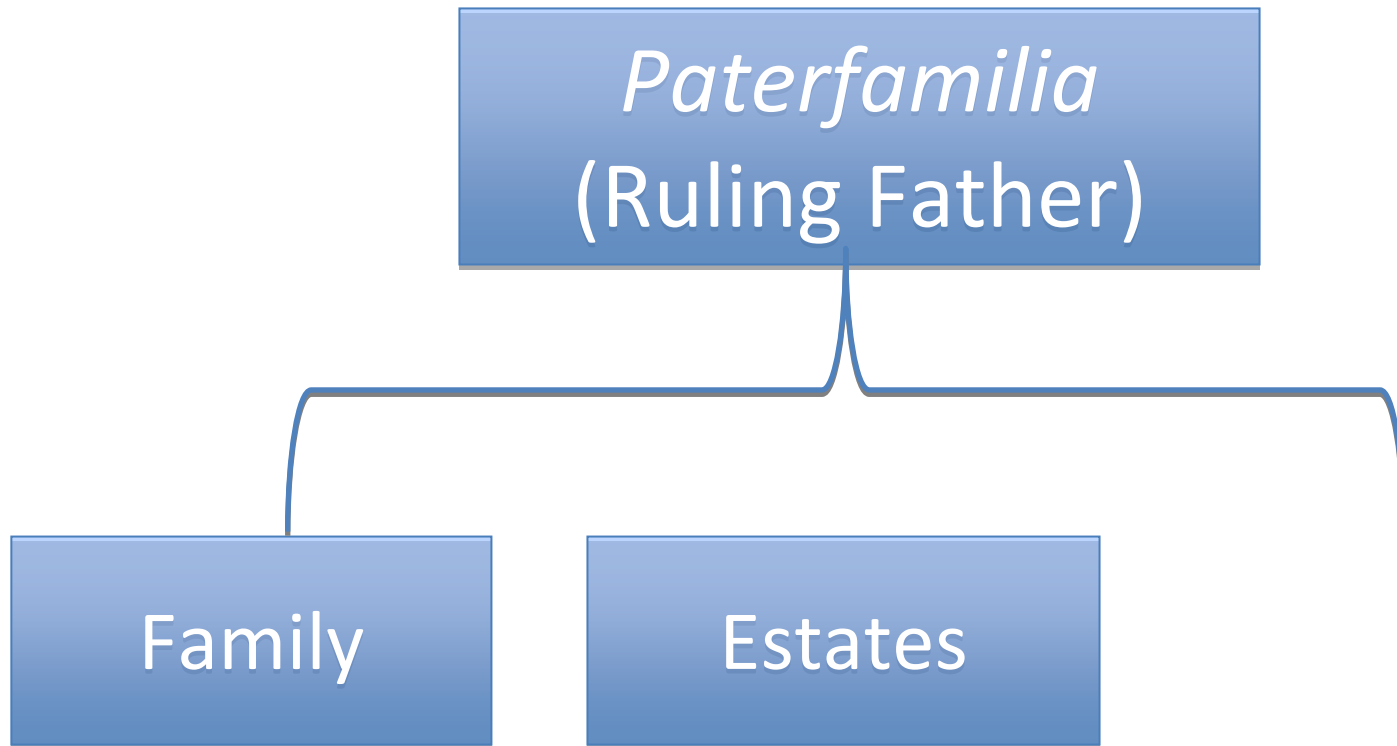
*Paterfamilias*  
(Ruling Father)

A blue rectangular box with a gradient from light blue at the top to a darker blue at the bottom. Inside the box, the text "*Paterfamilias*" is written in a white, italicized serif font, and "(Ruling Father)" is written in a white, sans-serif font below it. A blue line extends from the bottom center of the box, forming a bracket shape that spans across the width of the box.

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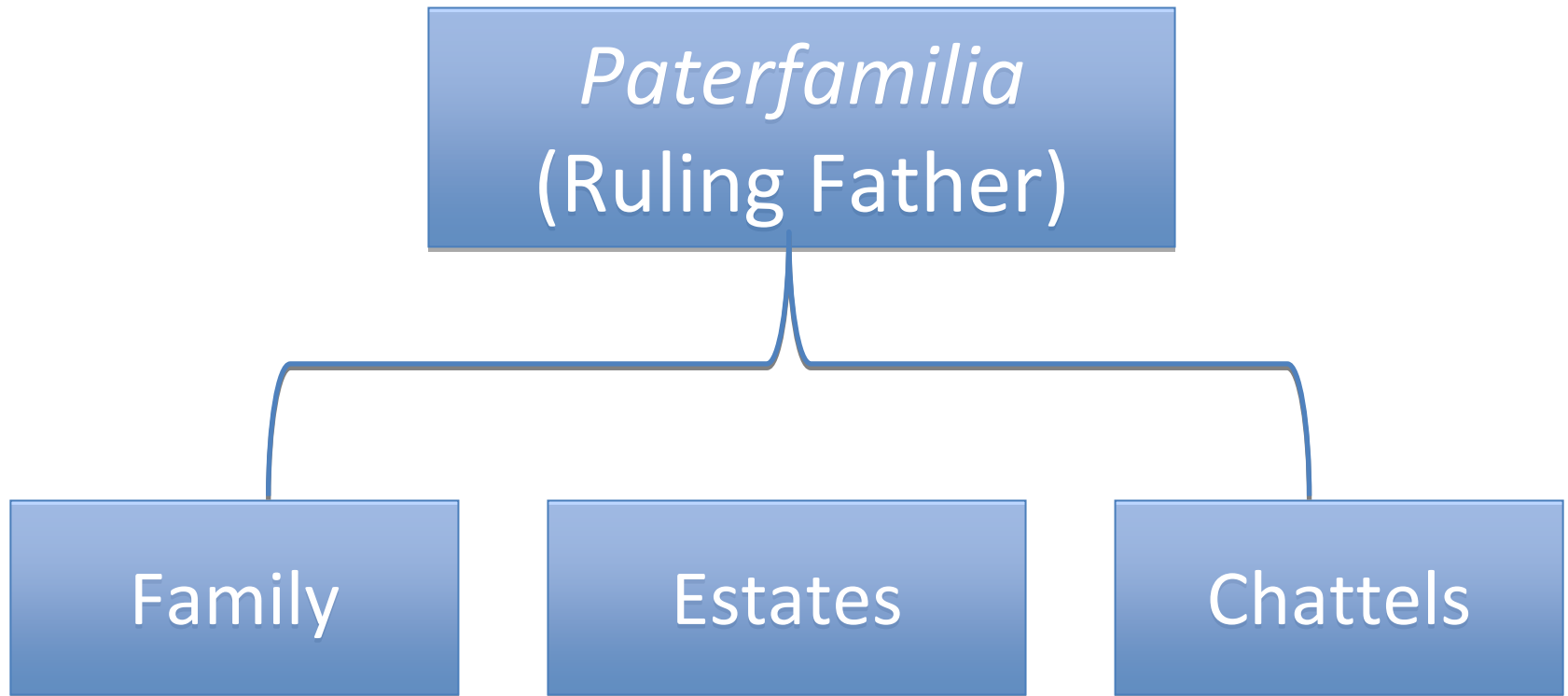


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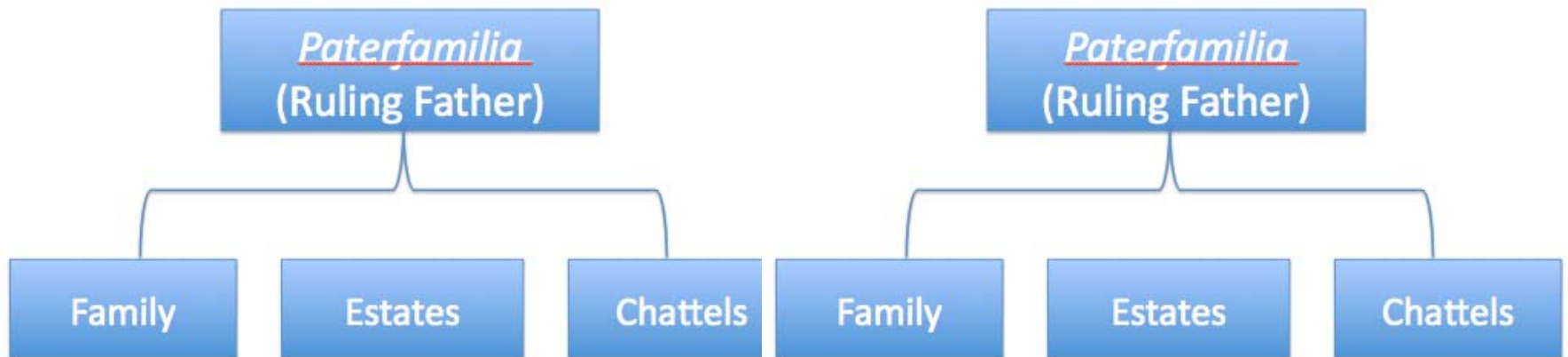




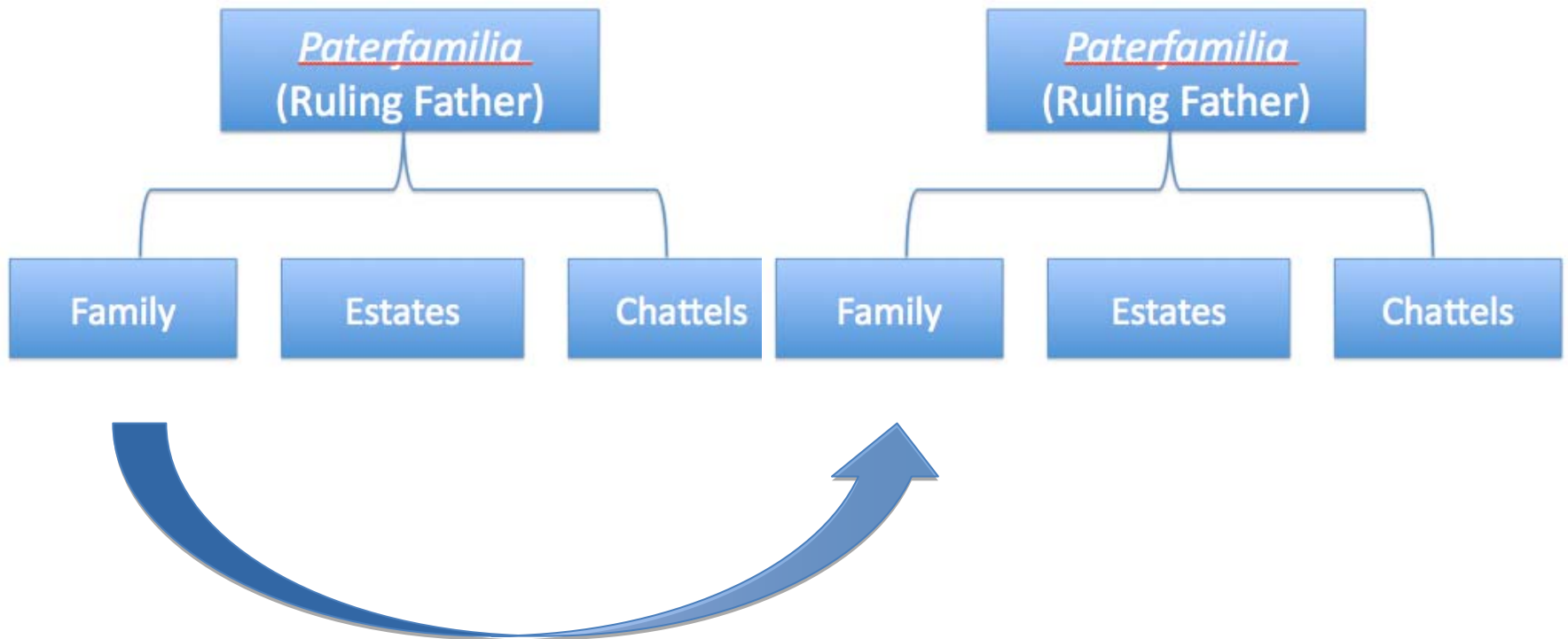
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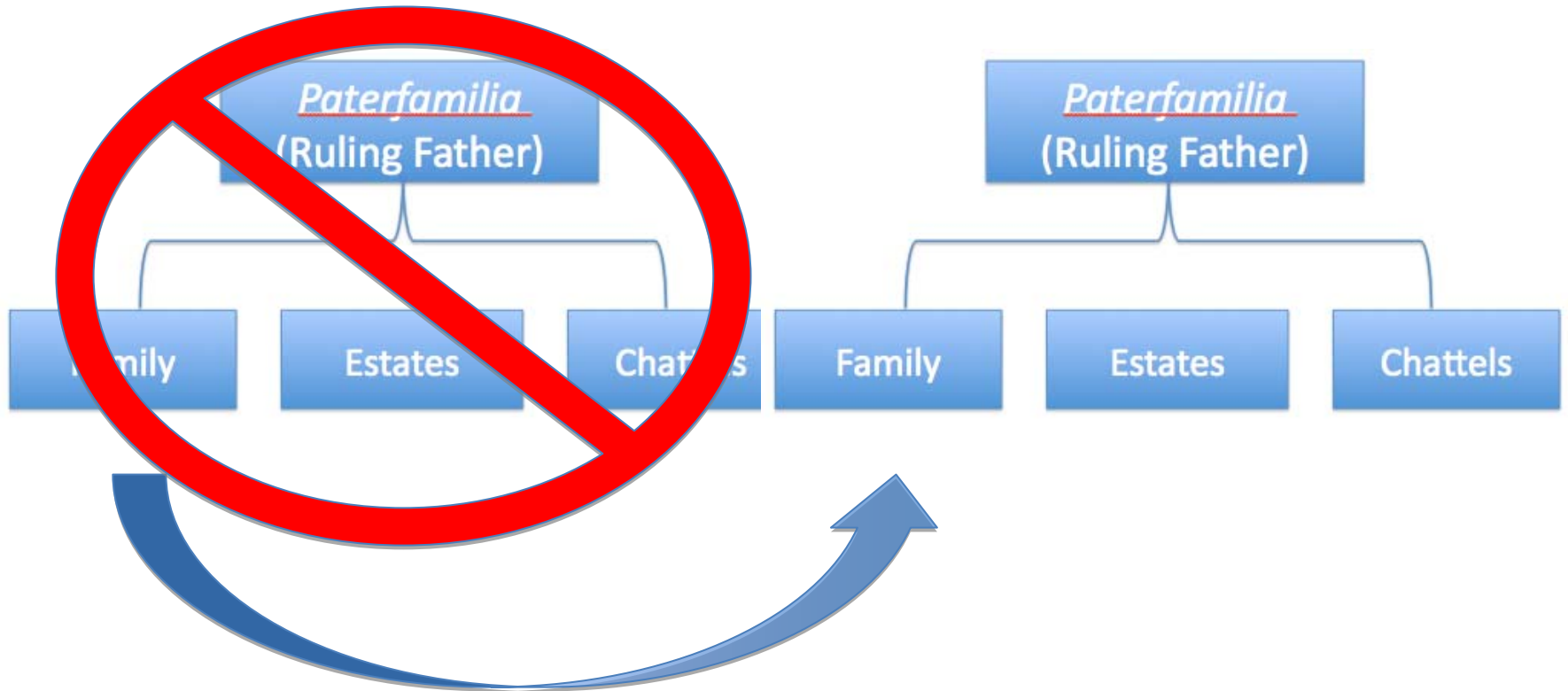
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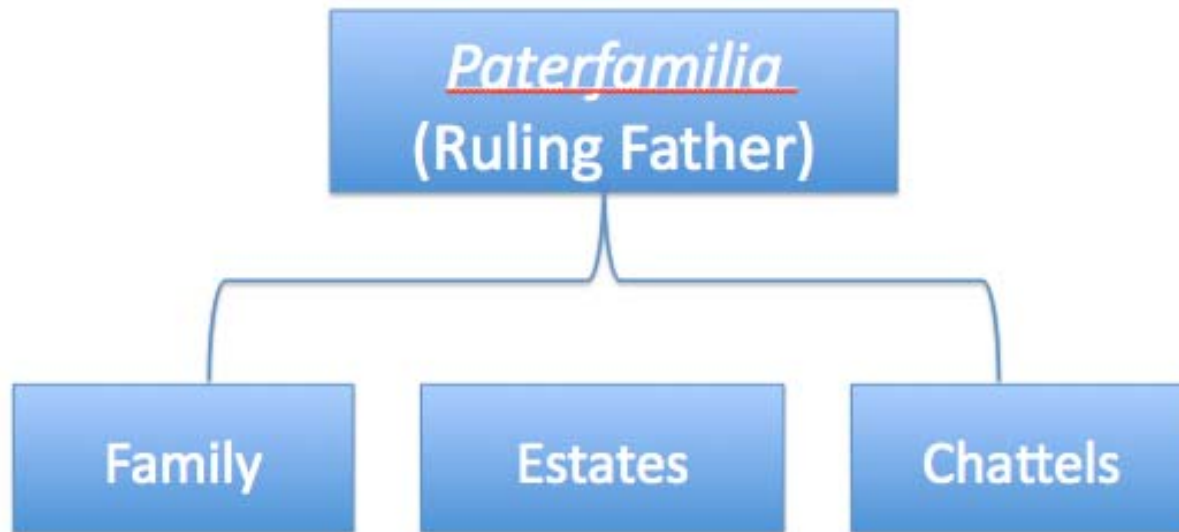
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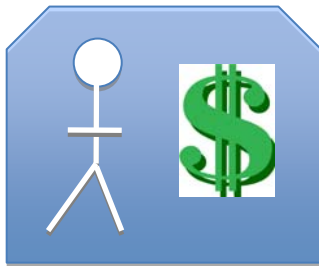
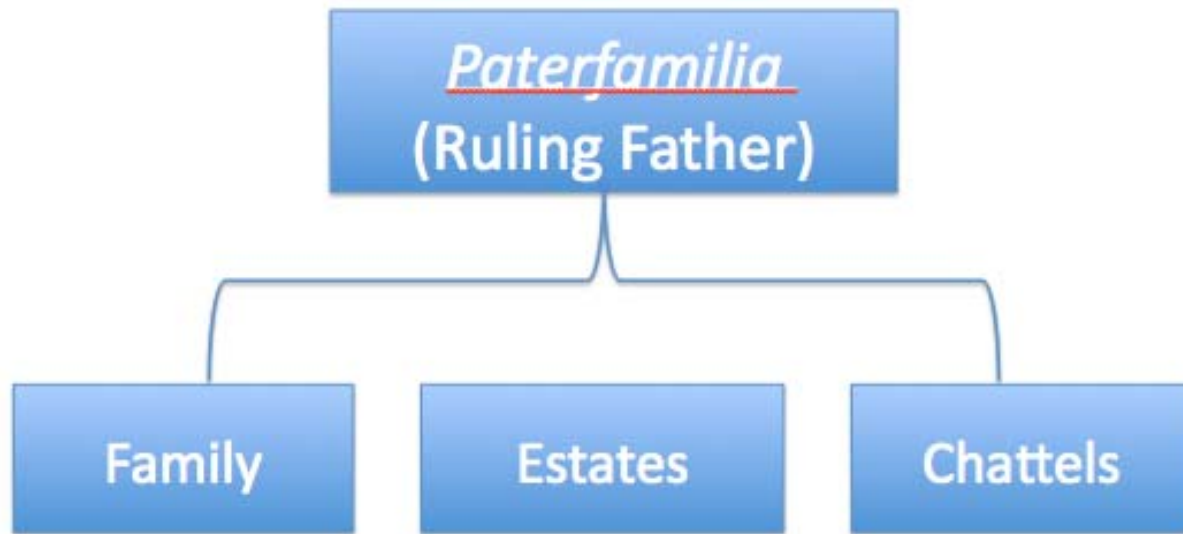
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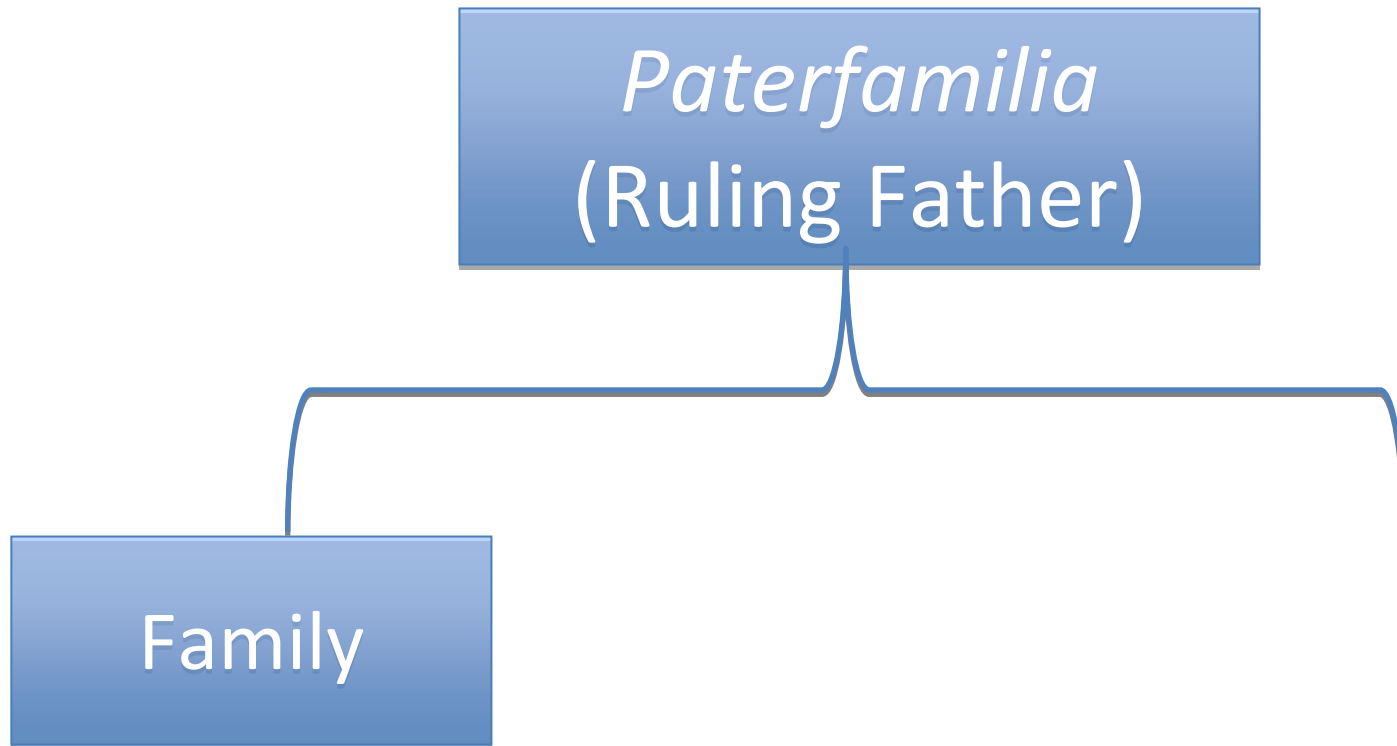


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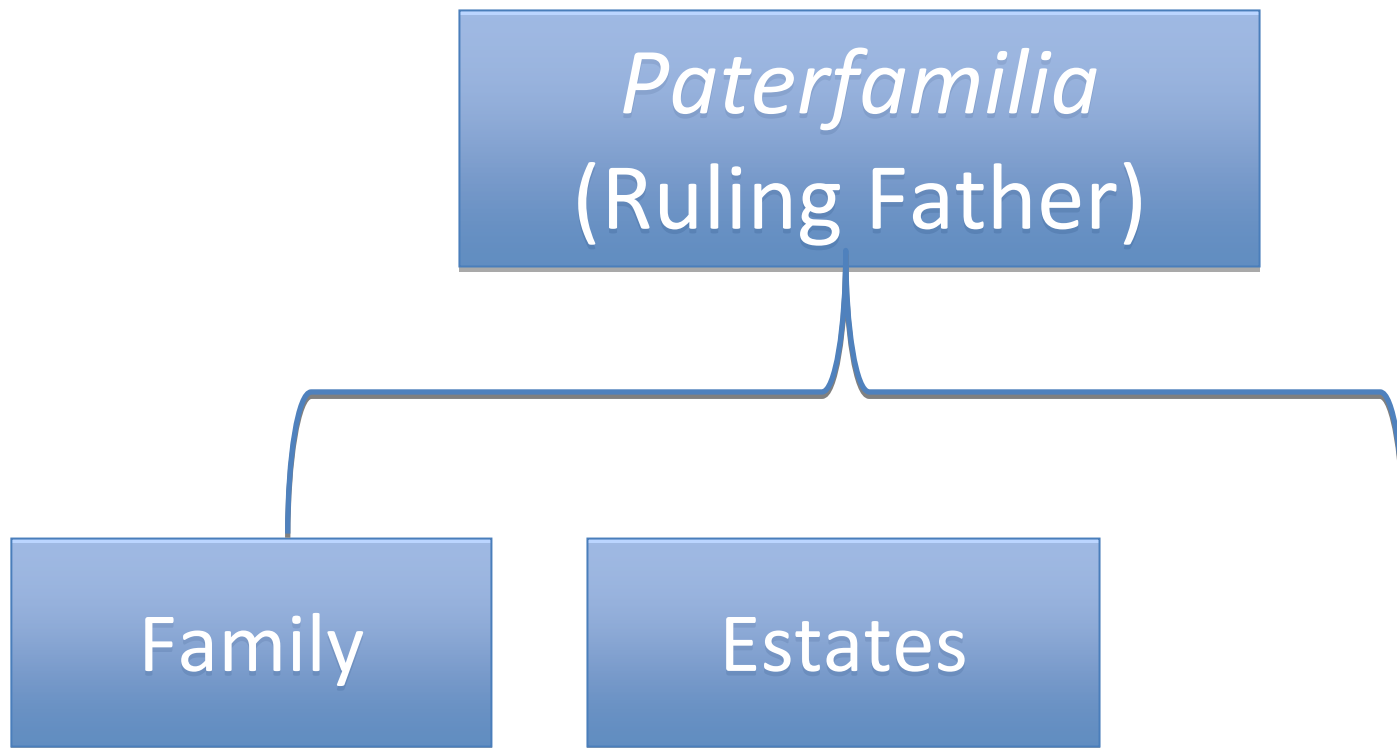
A blue rectangular box with a gradient, containing the text *Paterfamilias* (Ruling Father) in white. Below the box is a blue bracket-like shape that spans the width of the box and extends further out on both sides, resembling a wide, shallow U-shape.

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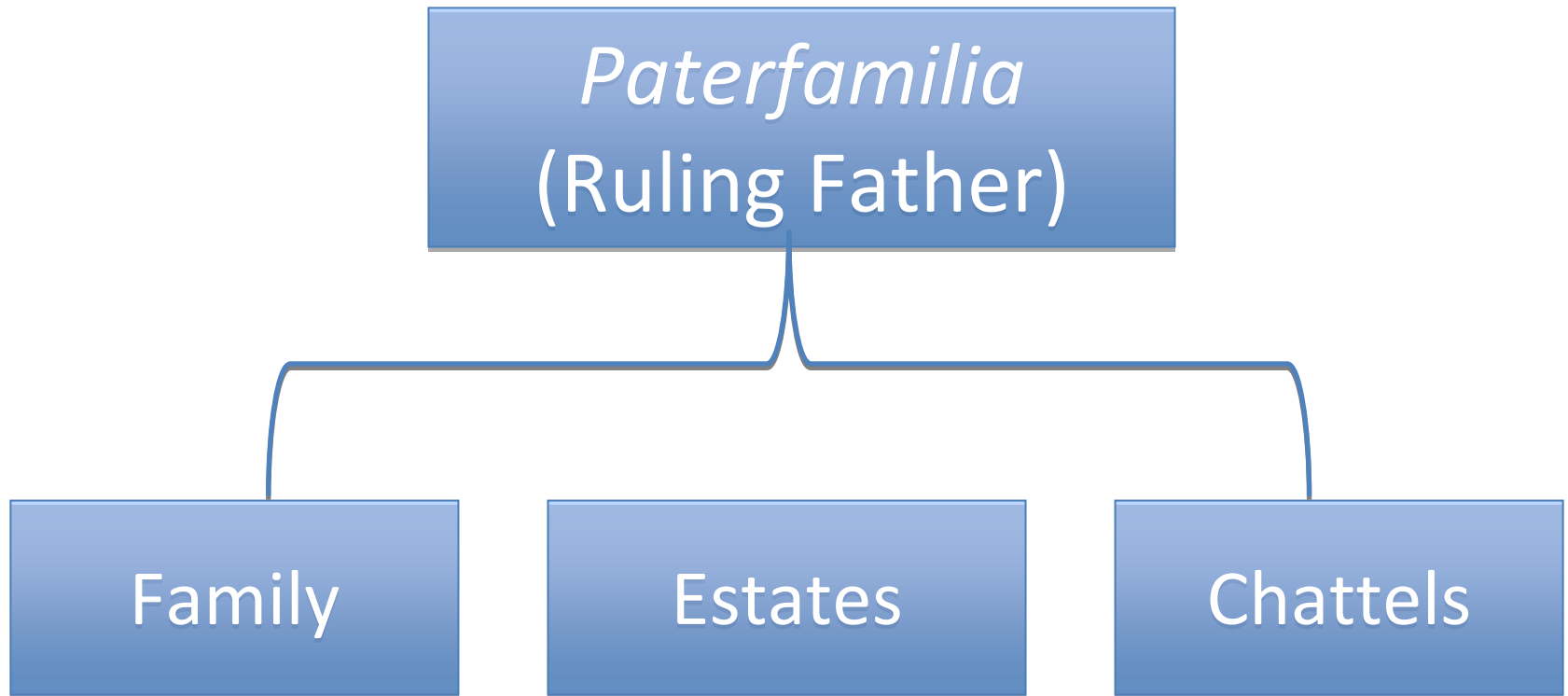




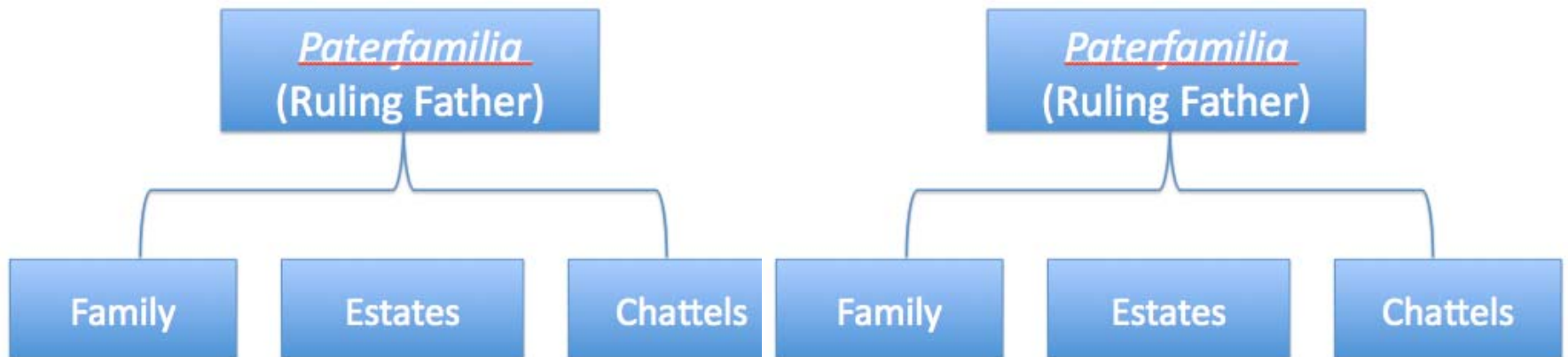
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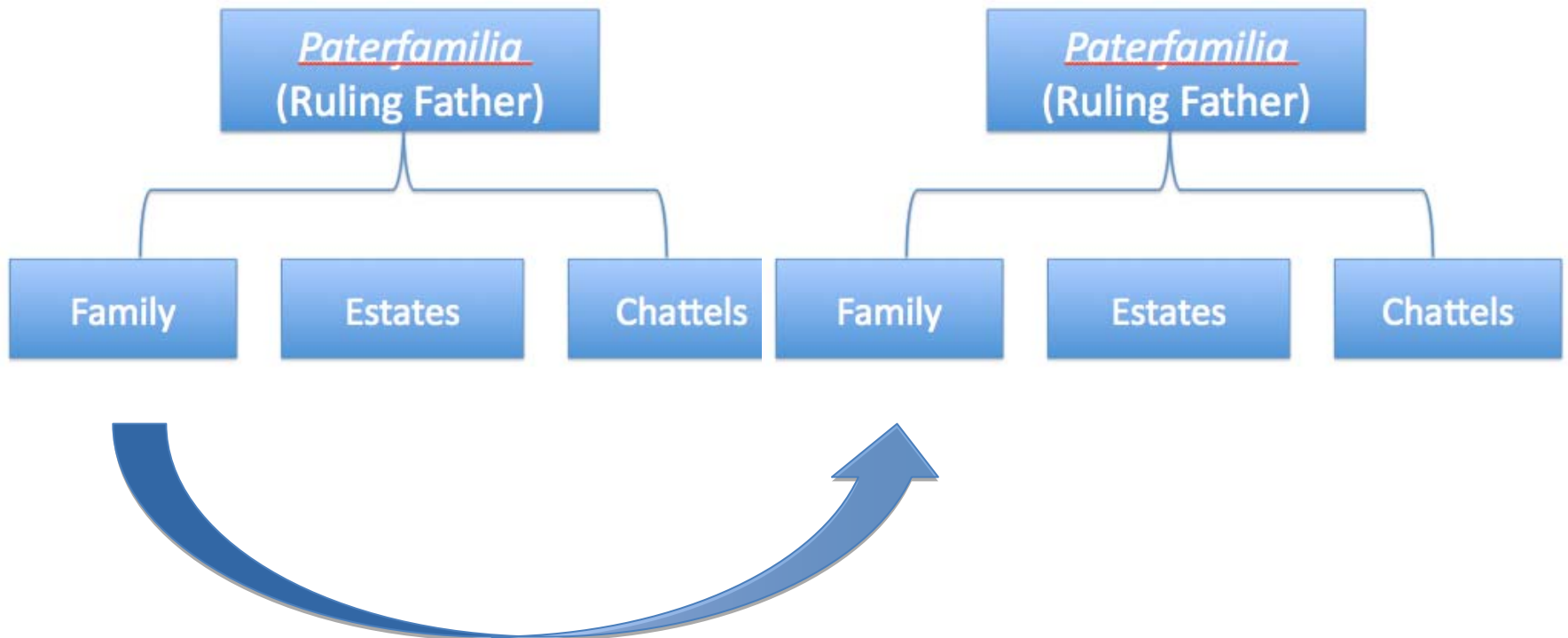
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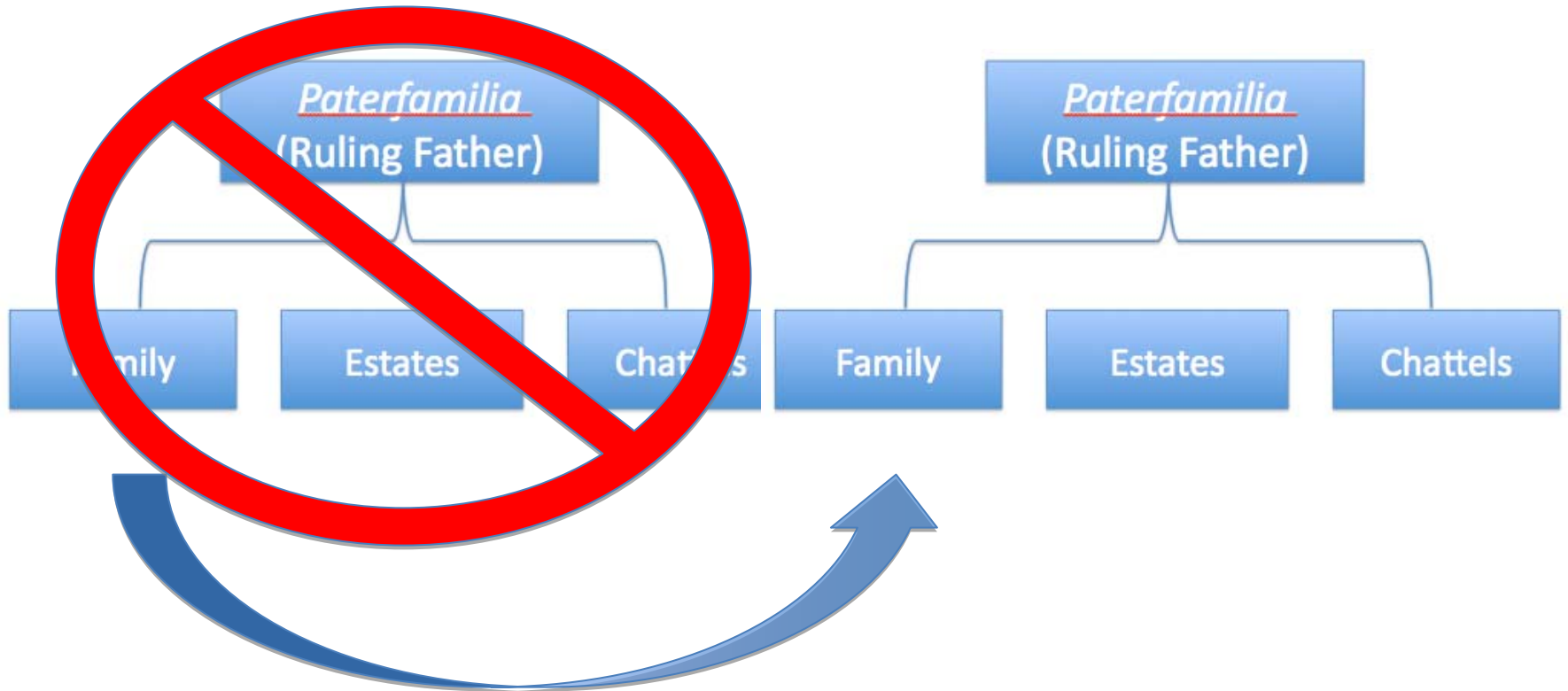
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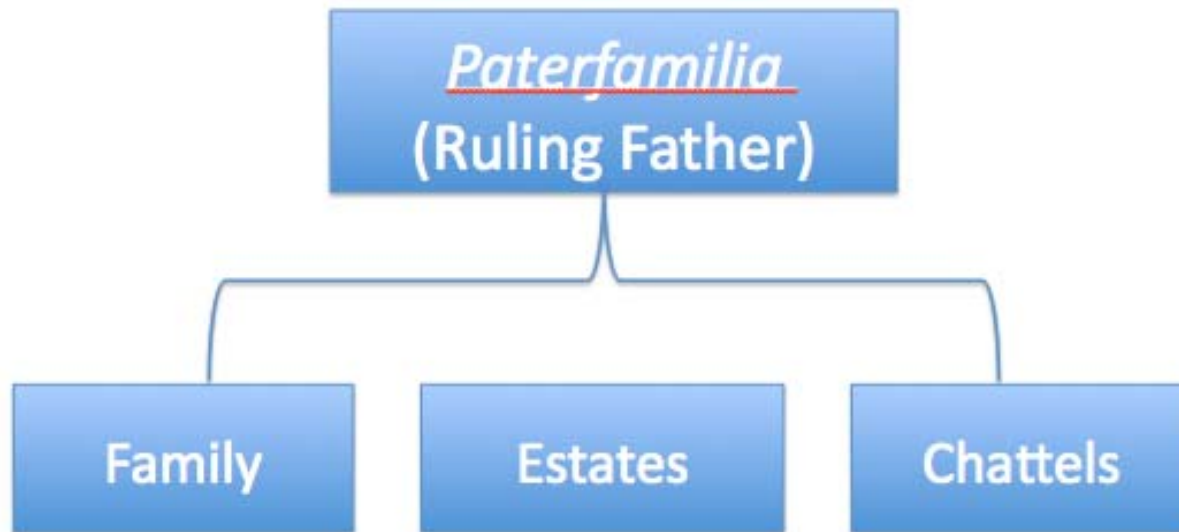
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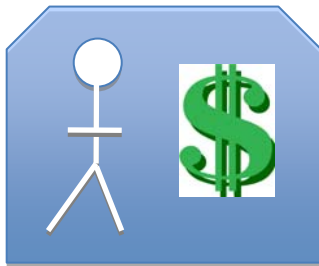
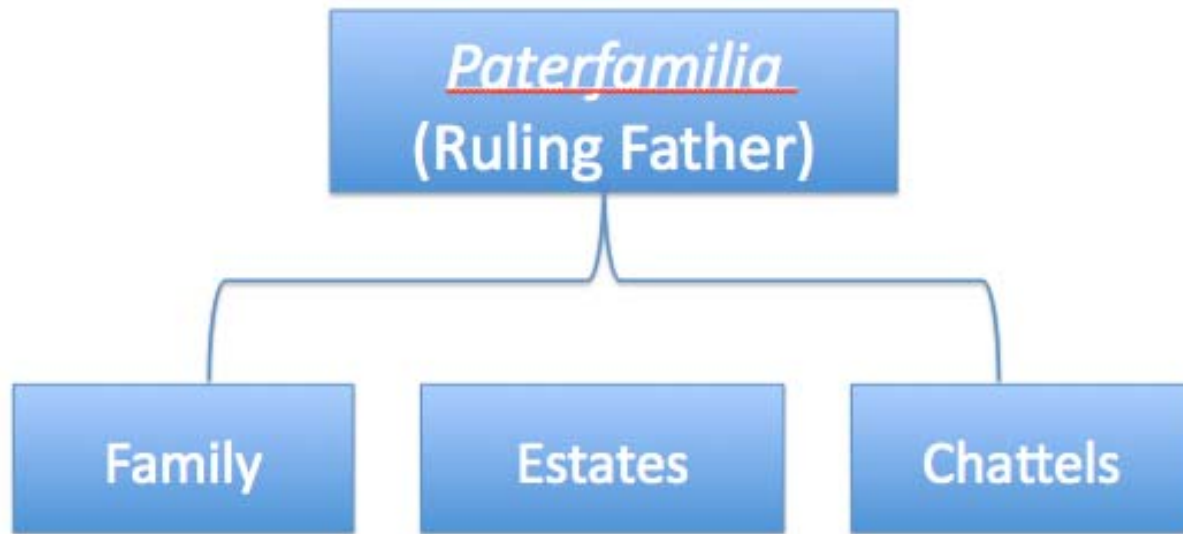
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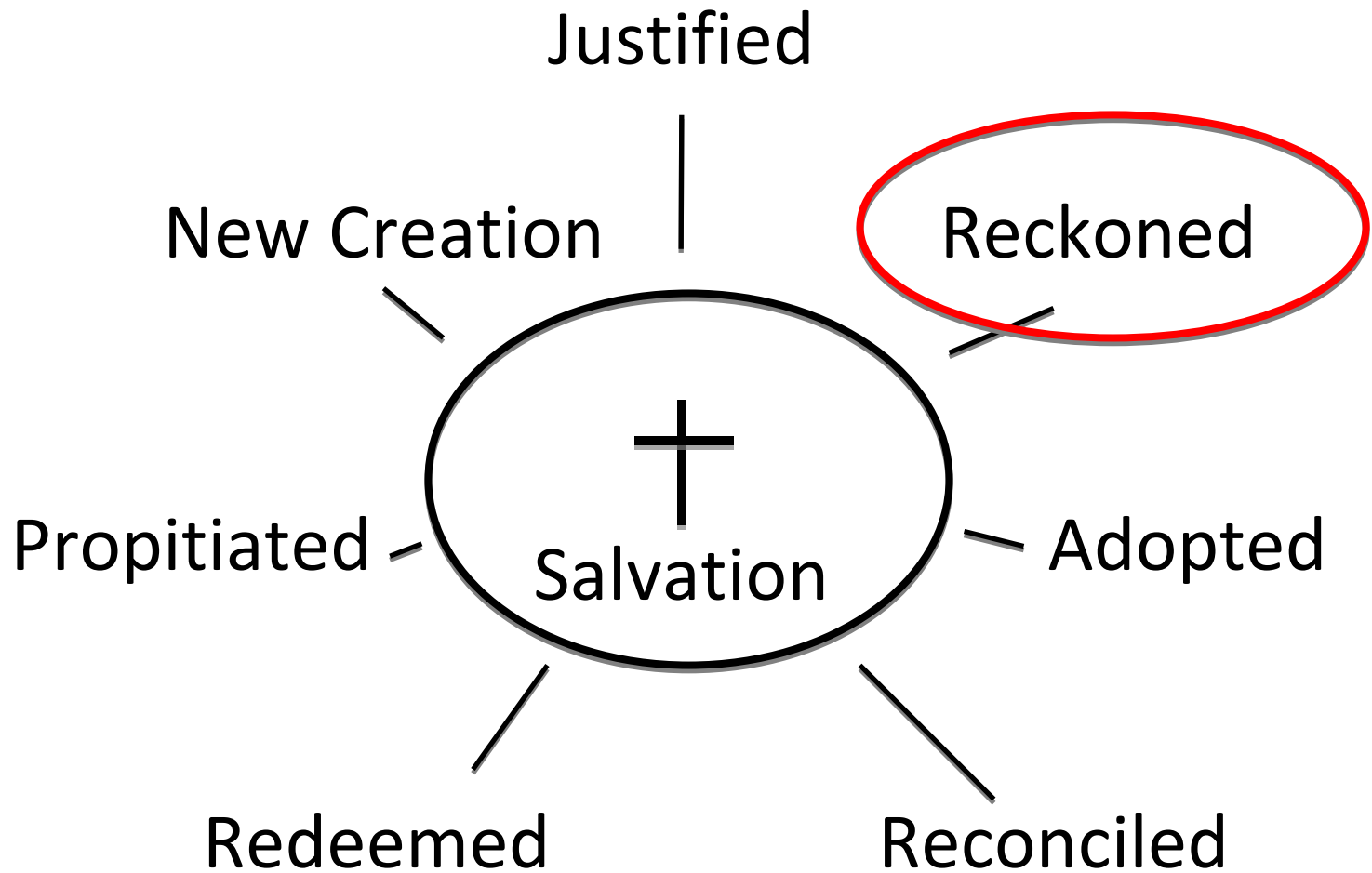


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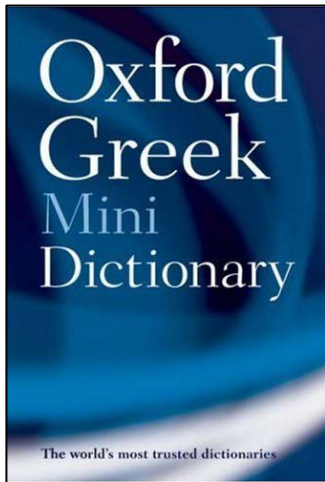




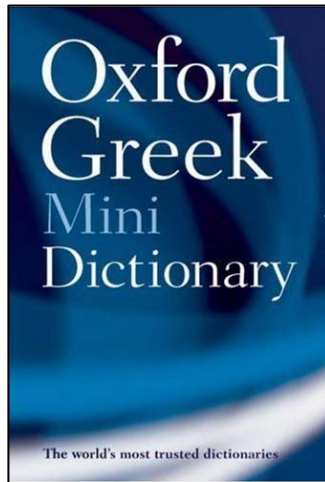
Did you ever use a check register?



# Greek word for the day

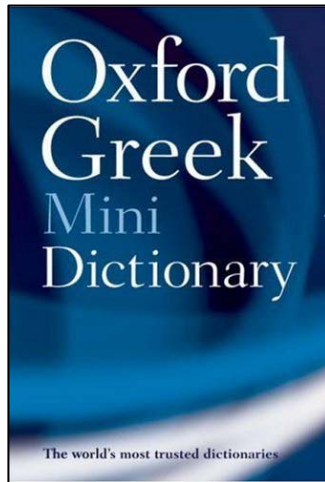


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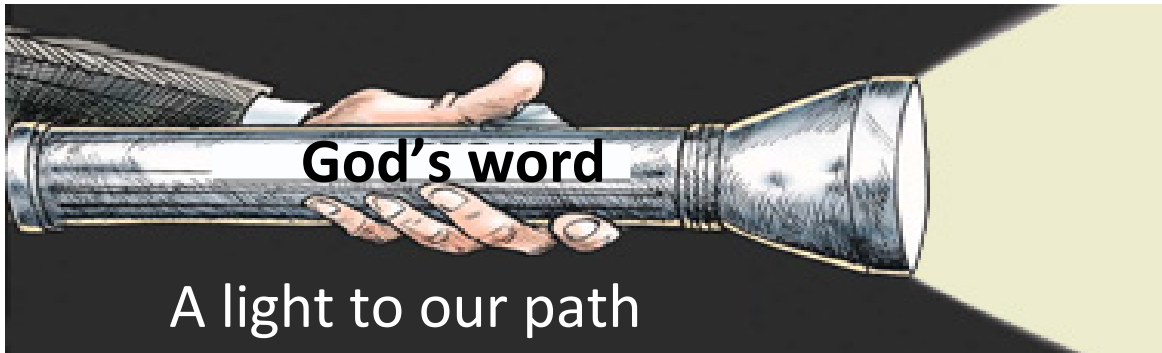
“Credited”  
“Counted”

Write the check with confidence! The money is in the bank!



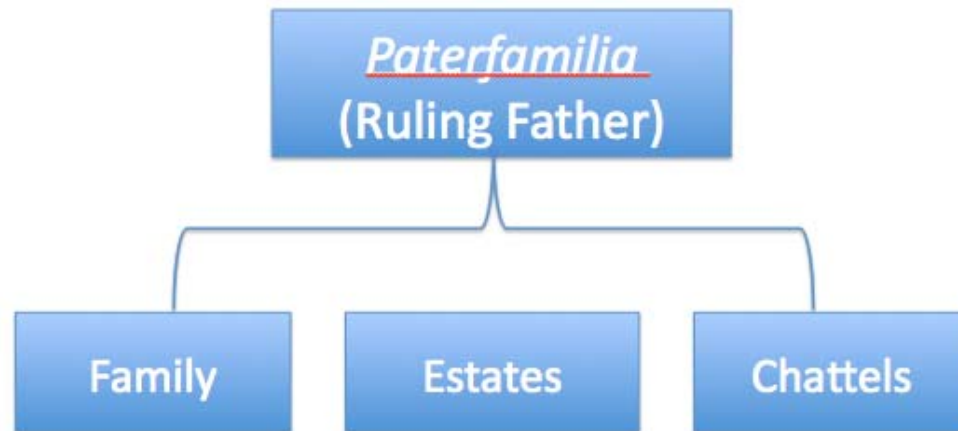


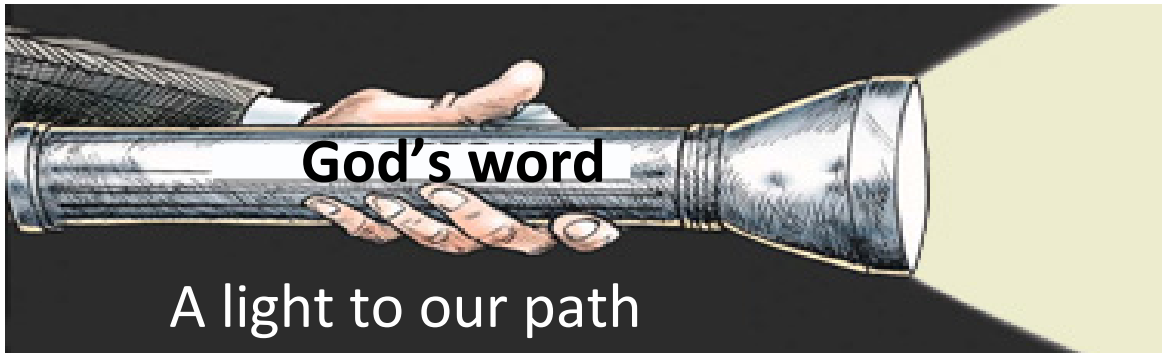
**More  
Metaphors!**



# Points for Home

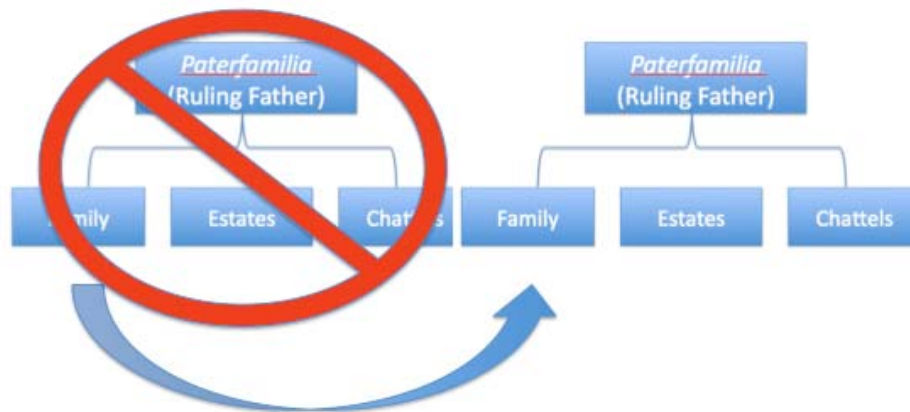
*“God sent forth his Son ... so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Gal. 4:4-5)*



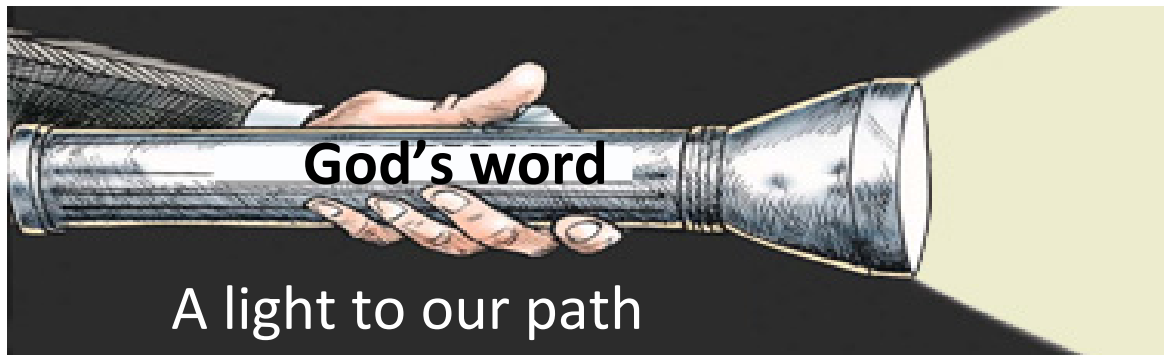


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*“You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15)*







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*“Abraham believed God and it was **credited** to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3)*

