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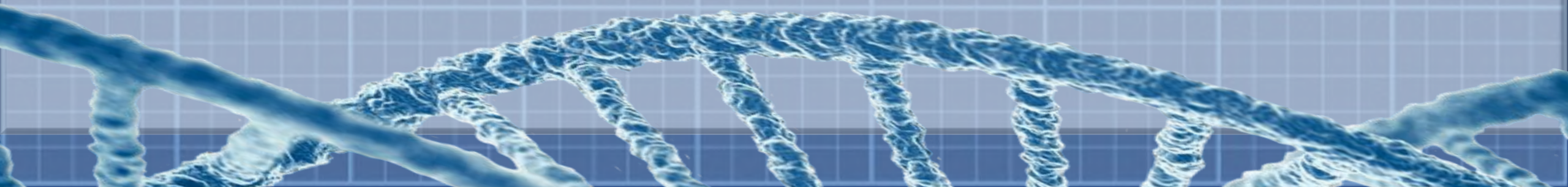



ADOPTED



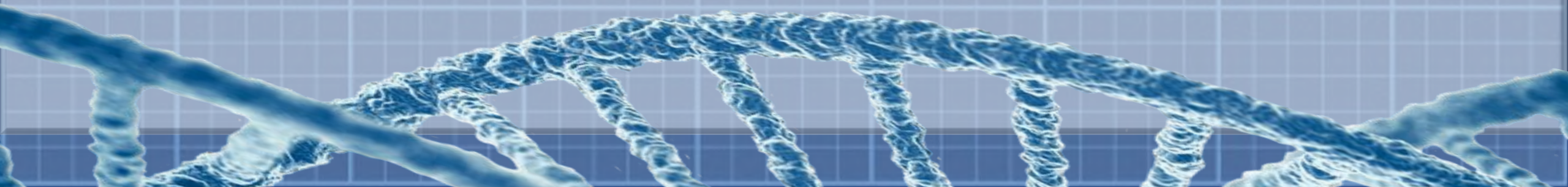


Ephesians 1:4b-6



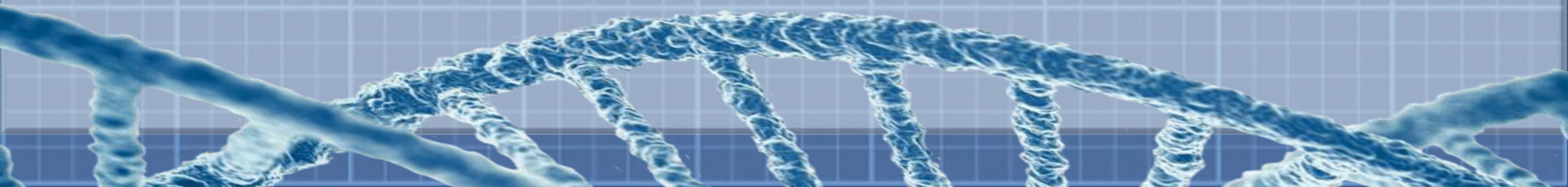



God predestined us to Adoption
means we're sons & daughters
solely based on God (it's NOT
because of us in ANY way)





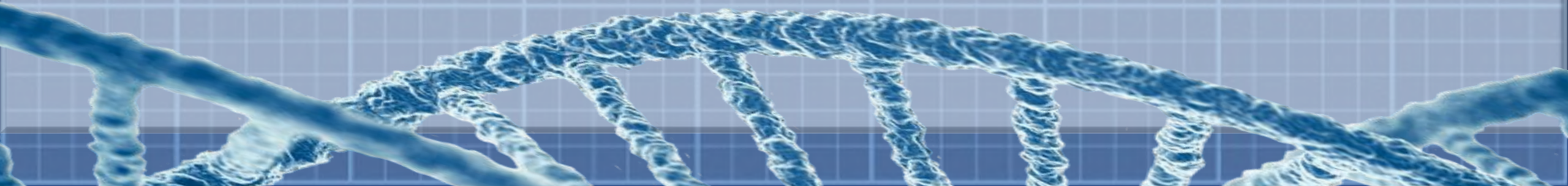
**Adoption really WASN'T
a Jewish practice**



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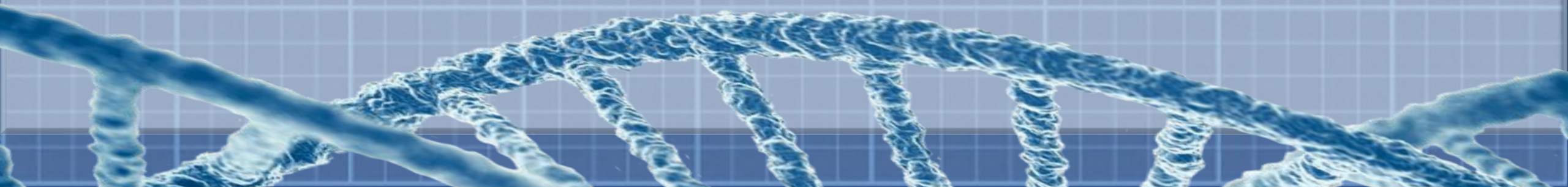
What Paul was referring to was
the Roman concept of Adoption

Roman men were forced to pass
ALL their wealth onto their son(s)

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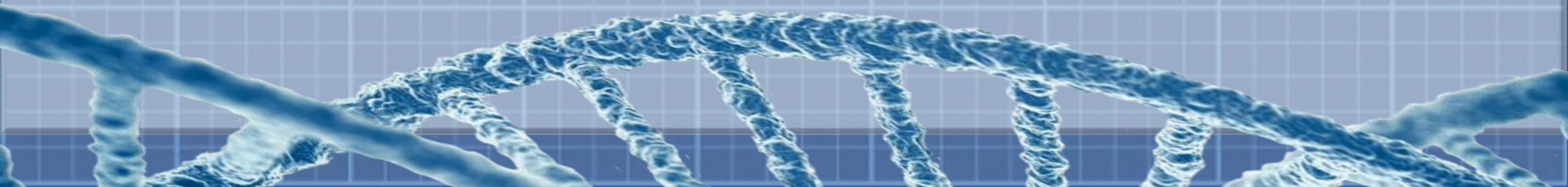


**Once approved the Adopted
son would have ALL his debts
cancelled & would receive
a new name**



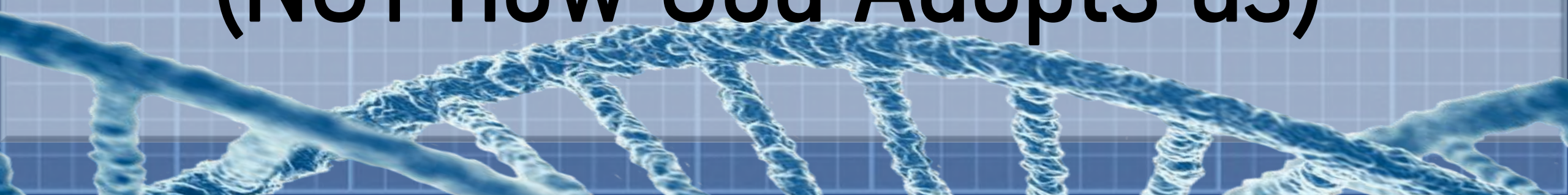


Once you Adopted someone it was completely irreversible, you could NOT undo an Adoption, it was a forever commitment!



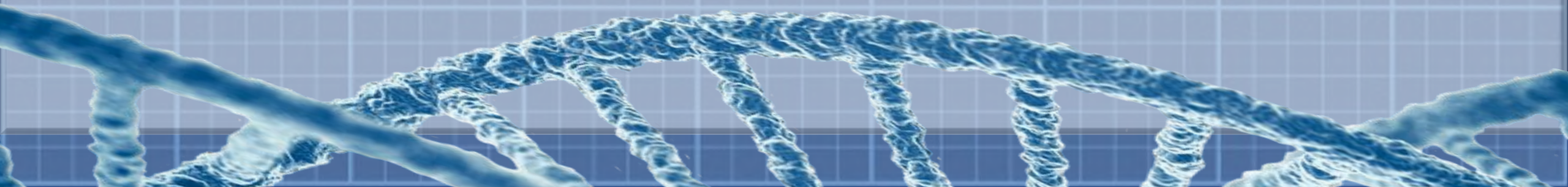


**One giant difference –
Roman Adoptions were based
upon the worthiness of the
Adopted recipient
(NOT how God Adopts us)**



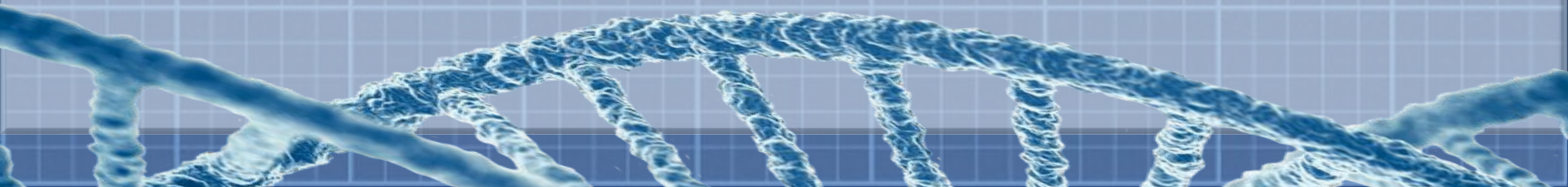


**God Adopts people simply
because He chooses to**



1. Adoptions AREN'T cheap!

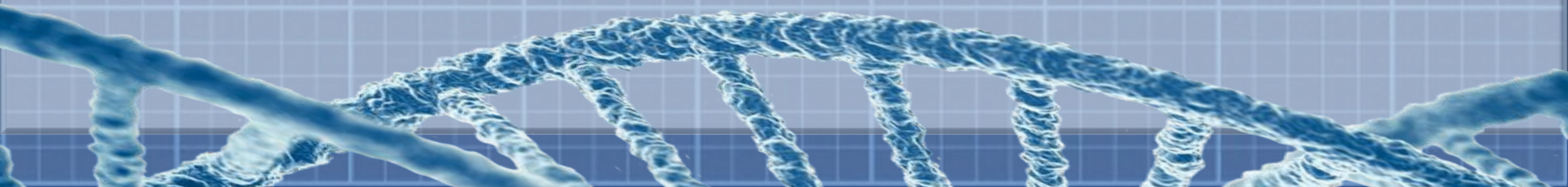
Galatians 4:1-7



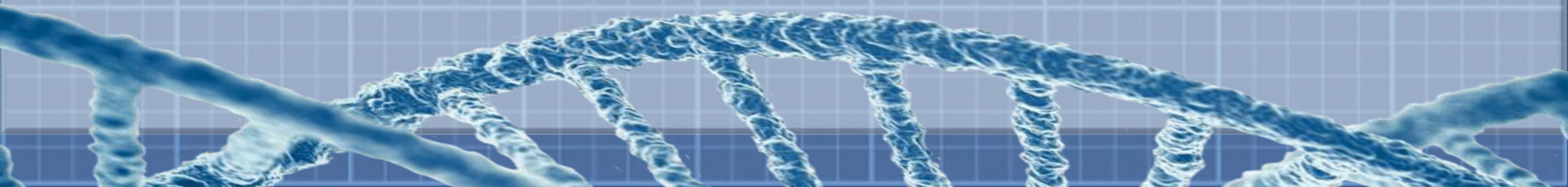


Adoptions require:
A huge Financial Investment
A huge Time Investment
A huge Emotional Investment

I Peter 3:18



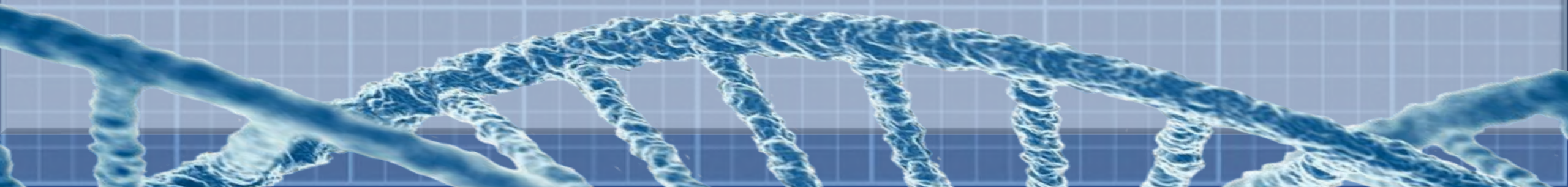
In order for us to be Adopted,
Jesus suffered once for ALL
sins (a swap occurred –
the Just for the Unjust)





2. Adoptions Rescue From Awful Realities

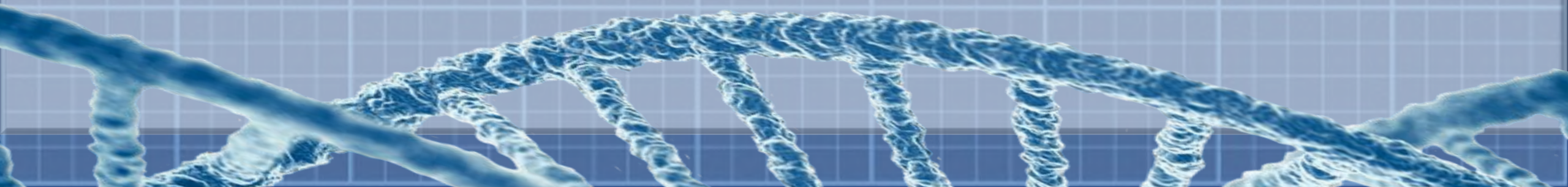
Ephesians 2:1-10





**From the beginning we were
wicked & vile**

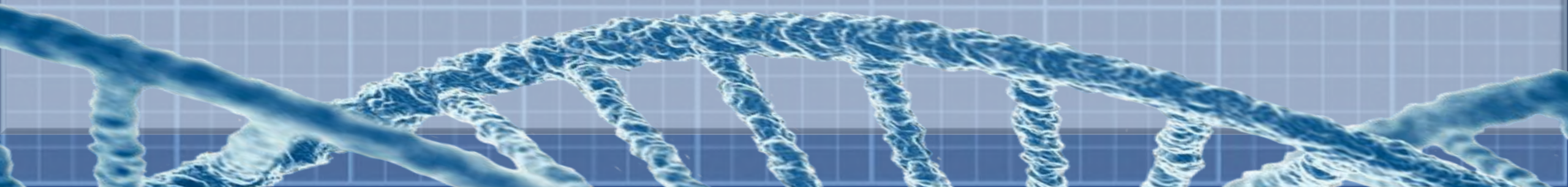
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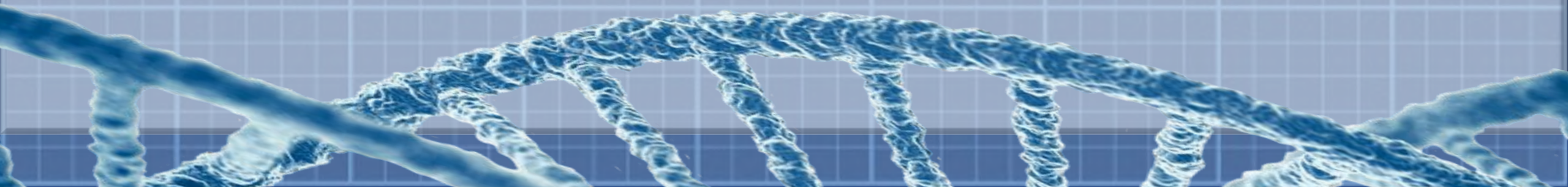


**The very wrath of God loomed
over us**

Ephesians 2:4-10



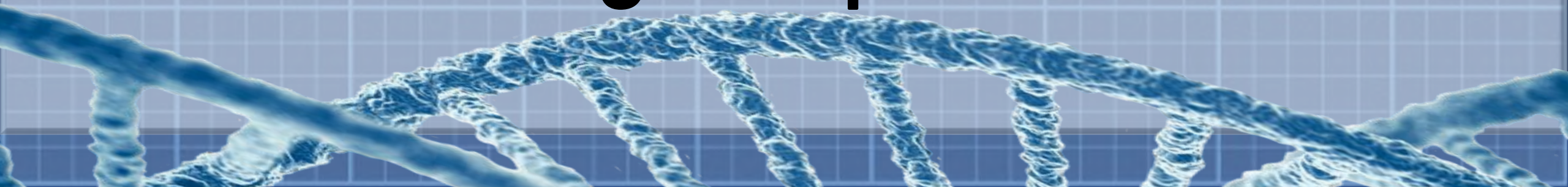
God has rescued us from an
unthinkable awful reality
because of His great love,
which He lavished upon us



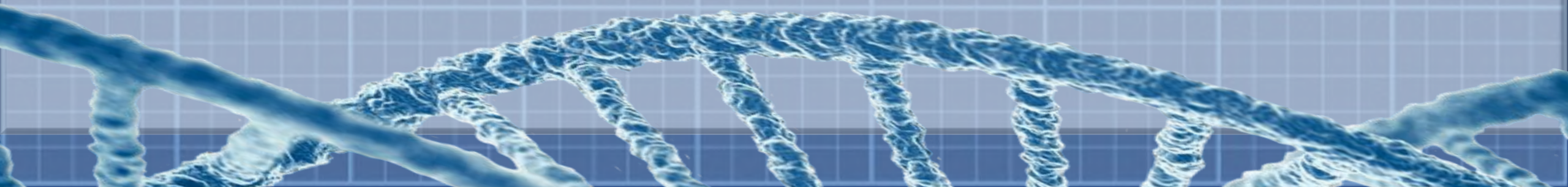
3. Adoption ISN'T Second Best

Ephesians 1:4-6

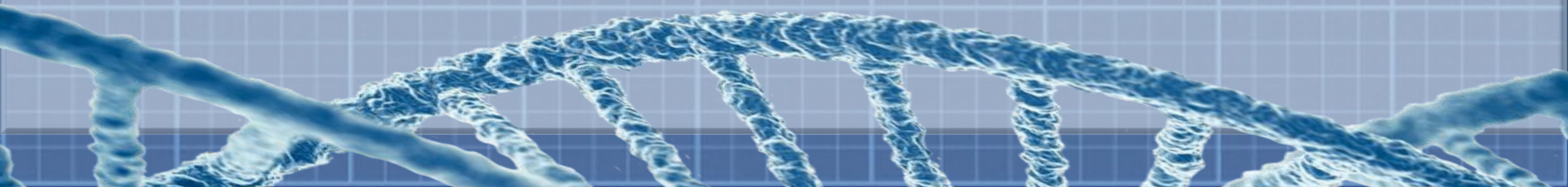
Our Adoption was God's
original plan!



God knew full-well that we
were filthy rotten sinners,
yet God chose to rescue us,
save us & Adopt us

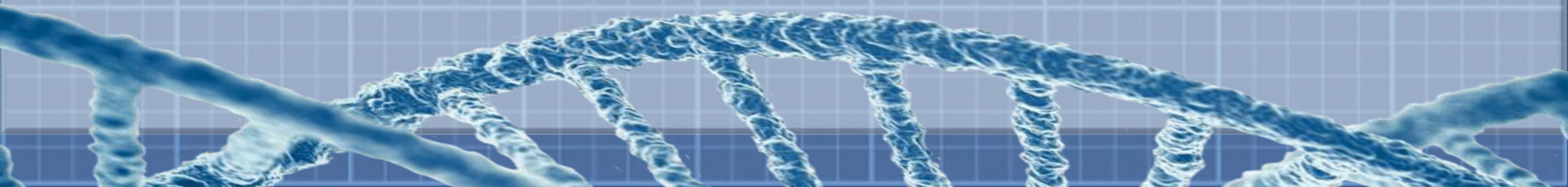


As Adopted children, we're
NOT an after thought or an
alternative option (God chose
us in love to be adopted)





SO WHAT?



“Now may the God who gives
endurance & encouragement grant you
to be of the same mind with one another
according to Christ Jesus; that with one
purpose you may with one voice
glorify the God & Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ.”

Romans 15:5-6