

## THE BLOOD COVENANT – PARTS 1 AND 2

### Part 1

#### Ephesians 2:11-14

When the Bible speaks about Gentiles in the flesh, it simply refers to people who do not know God; all believers came out of the world where they had no bond with God and entered into blood covenant relationship with Him

However, even though we have come out of the world into the kingdom of God, the corrupted mindset of the Gentile world exists all around us; in order to prosper in a covenant relationship with God, we have to rid ourselves of that mindset and develop a covenant mindset. Studying God's Word daily is crucial so we can understand the foundation of our relationship with God – the blood covenant

- Particularly in the western world, we not only live in a place that has little to no revelation of covenant relationship, but many have not even heard of it; yet the blood covenant is the very foundation for understanding who God is, what He does and all we have been given through Christ; if we want to live in the fullness of our relationship with God and experience the best He has freely given us, then the blood covenant must become as embedded in our spirits and minds as those who live in the eastern world, where covenant relationship is deeply rooted in their heritage and affects every part of their lives
- Almost every part of the world has a deep history and heritage of blood covenant agreements and the moment a blood covenant is mentioned among them, they not only know what you mean, but it has great value and worth to them; it has captured countless generations of their families and is even still practiced in many parts of the world today; it is the grounds for friendships that have lasted many centuries and still know no end
- But in the western world, the lack of revelation about the blood covenant is one of the greatest reasons why relationships can fall into pieces so easily, not only in basic friendship and business practices, but especially IN MARRIAGE – both in the world AND in the Body of Christ
  - o This is because numerous people today believe their relationships are able to be abandoned for any reason; they base their relationships on what they can gain rather than what they can give; they focus on how others can serve them rather than how they can be a servant in their relationship; and the moment one of them stops doing as the other desires, they grow dissatisfied, ultimately causing them to abandon that person for someone else who will do as they want

Every child of God was a Gentile IN THE PAST, but now we are children of God and have been brought into the most sacred and unfailing relationship that anyone can have; we are to leave

behind the world's way of thinking and living so we can live as one with God, think according to the Word, walk by faith, and do all for His glory

- In times past, we were without Christ; to be without Christ is to have no part in the new covenant and to be without hope (any reason for expecting good) out in the world
- The only place where any man can live a life of EXPECTATION rather than one of mere wishing for the best is in blood covenant relationship with God; He has offered us entrance into an unbreakable and eternal bond with Him that not only ensures us eternal life with Him, but also provides us everything in this life pertaining to life AND godliness (2 Pet. 1:3); there is no area of life that our covenant relationship does not cover; we must understand all the promises God has made to us and how to stand on those promises in faith, which means we can confidently live in this life as kings; we no longer live a life of defeat and struggle, but one where we rule and reign in Christ rather than being ruled and reigned over by Satan, the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4)

However, the biggest problem that much of the Church faces today is that when we think of our relationship with God, very little of our revelation is founded in covenant relationship with God; many believers do not think of their relationship with God as one where He has given Himself as equally to them as they are to give themselves to Him; to lack a covenant mindset does not mean we lack a covenant relationship with God, but it means that any believer can BE A STRANGER from the covenants of promise; as long as we are strangers from the revelation of our blood covenant bond with God, we will spend our time WISHING for God to do His will in our lives rather than EXPECTING it to be done by faith

- Furthermore, too many people have a vague definition of their relationship with God; they speak of going to church on Sundays, reading their Bibles, praying in times of need and simply trying to live a moral life as best as they know how
- But what does not come to their hearts or minds is the unending love of the Almighty God; He has just as much love for them as He has for the Son of God, sent as a sacrifice so each of us could be made a child of God
- They do not think of a God who has sworn by Himself with all the integrity He has to faithfully fulfill every promise He has made to us (Hebrews 6:13)
- But if we will begin learning about the indissoluble nature of the blood covenant and meditating on all the covenant promises we have, we will no longer define our relationship with God the same way again; we will begin living lives filled with supernatural power and intimacy with God, glorious lives that become a testimony to unbelievers in the world
- It will be impossible to look at what we have as merely being part of a worldwide religion. Instead, we will recognize that we possess daily access into the most intimate relationship with God; we will understand that each of us can be as intimate with God as

we choose to be and have full assurance of faith, just like Abraham had, to live the abundant life that Jesus paid for us at Calvary

One of the greatest reasons that the Word of God has become so horribly twisted and misinterpreted by men in order to fit their idea of Christianity is due to the lack of blood covenant revelation

- When we received Jesus as Savior, we did not invite God to come and be a part of the lives we live and have Him adapt to our beliefs, but He invited us into relationship with Him so we can live the life He has called us to live
- To ever question the validity of a promise of God or to say that the Word of God does not mean exactly what it says is not just misinterpreting God's Word, but it is QUESTIONING GOD'S INTEGRITY; if we do not believe what the Word says, than what we are really saying is that WE DO NOT BELIEVE GOD; the Word of God and God Himself are one in the same; this is why no one can dismiss God's Word but say they believe God at the same time
- Selectively choosing what we want to believe in God's Word has been one of the primary reasons why the Body of Christ is now divided into so many different denominations; people individually choose what they deem credible in the Word; some will say healing has passed away, others believe speaking in tongues is of the devil or that being poor is an expression of humility before God, but to believe any of these things is saying that God does not tell the truth; any person who does not believe ALL of the Word of God has no valid ability to truly believe ANY of the Word of God. If we cannot trust God that He will do exactly what He has told us in ALL AREAS, we have no foundation for trusting Him in any area of the Word, not even salvation
- Additionally, someone who does not believe parts of God's Word is clearly someone who has no revelation of what a blood covenant is; This is why so many believers have their areas of the Bible that they do not accept as true. They have never understood that once God has spoken any promise, He enters into a covenant agreement to fulfill that promise, immediately binding Himself to that promise; He can never rescind from that promise or refuse to make good on it; to ever do that would nullify His character and negate all credibility of His Word; in other words, through His broken promise, He would be lying, have committed sin and no longer be God

One of the reasons so many believers have found it so hard to believe ALL the promises of God is because we live in a society where PROMISES MEAN NEXT TO NOTHING; they are virtually meaningless to people and when men make them, they carry almost no influence over whether they can be trusted

- Because of this, some believers often base the credibility of God's promises on their past experiences with MAN'S PROMISES; they have been betrayed by men so often that when they are told that they can ALWAYS trust God, they find that nearly impossible to believe due to all the pain from being taken advantage of by men throughout their lives

- In fact, man has become so corrupt over time that some men will only give a promise with the sole intention of trying to manipulate and take advantage of others for their benefit

Even to a people like Israel, whose whole history as a people is thoroughly wrapped up in the blood covenant, when Jesus said to His disciples “if you do not EAT OF MY FLESH AND DRINK OF MY BLOOD you will not have life,” it sounded shocking to them because what has happened to common men today happened to them also— they watered down the power of their covenant promises over such a long period of time and ultimately became dull to the blood covenant God made with them

- If we want to find a group of people among us today who have never let the value of blood covenant relationship slip or become meaningless, one of those groups is the American mafia; every person who joins the mafia enters into a covenant agreement, pronouncing a blessing and curse over themselves and to ever betray the trust of those they join is signing a death sentence against themselves. This is why they are called crime FAMILIES, not organizations or businesses. Everyone in that family has become blood brothers with one another and they are as close to each other as a regular family; they willfully and faithfully stand with each other and are even willing to give their lives for each other

Once we understand the holy, sacred nature of blood covenant relationship, we can clearly see why God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8); we can know that not a single word of His good promise has ever failed (1 Kings 8:56) and that His Word is forever settled in heaven (Psalms 119:89)

- Believers will then have complete assurance that God’s Word never return to Him powerless or unable to accomplish what He intended for them (Isaiah 55:11); He can always be counted on because He is not a man who lies nor ever goes back on His Word. He is always fulfills and makes good on what He says (Numbers 23:19)

And once that sacred nature of covenant relationship is firmly rooted in our hearts and minds, one of the greatest revelations in God’s Word that comes alive to the believer is COMMUNION.

- Believers quickly recognize that this is not a powerless, religious tradition, but a willful and holy acknowledgment of their blood covenant relationship with the Almighty God. The very reason we can take communion as often as we want is because when we have the true revelation of it, our daily communion and covenant with God is continually at the forefront of our thinking; this ensures that taking the bread and drinking of the cup becomes a cherished moment in our covenant relationship
- As we eat the bread and drink the cup, we honor our Lord for breaking His body and shedding His blood for our salvation; His shed blood has now ratified and guaranteed every promise of our blood covenant

- This extraordinary revelation can not only completely change the way we see communion and partake of it as individuals, but also when we come together and do it as one Body. We should have our blood covenant right in the center of our thinking each time, never allowing the communion table to become a common, monthly tradition; this enables us to keep it as a sacred and powerful time when we experience the intimate presence of God as we remember the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior for us.

Daily remembrance of our blood covenant also enables all believers to become powerful conquerors over the devil; it causes us to boldly stand on its power against the devil. As a result, the very fear he tries to strike into us falls straight back upon him. We start speaking in power and authority over him; consequently, he responds to us just like he does our Savior. The devil becomes perfectly aware when we know the power of the blood for when we speak of it, we do not casually recite it, but **BOLDLY** declare our commands to him

- One of the most powerful examples of remembering the unfailing power of our blood covenant with God is seen in David fighting Goliath.
  - o So often, we speak only of David having the faith to fight the giant, but we fail to see what the Bible shows is the source of his confidence. David's confidence can be clearly seen in one action – asking the simple question, “who is this **UNCIRCUMCISED** Philistine?”
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  - o Because circumcision is the sign of the blood covenant, that question shows David not just asking about who Goliath is, but revealing that this giant **HAS NO BLOOD COVENANT** with God. The moment David knew this, he was certain that there was no way for Goliath to defeat him because David was walking onto the field with the Almighty God at his side.
  - o Goliath coming against David was the same as Goliath attacking Yahweh because David was in covenant relationship with God; He was completely sure that no covenant partner of God would ever be defeated by standing in faith and trusted God that his enemy would be struck to the ground.
  - o All those in Israel's army and even Saul himself did not acknowledge this, causing them to be filled with fear on the sidelines. But the power of the blood covenant caused David's faith to surge higher than all others. He charged toward Goliath to cut his head off and then shouted the victory as a testimony that any covenant partner of God comes out the victor against his enemies.

The blood covenant is one of the most powerful revelations any believer can receive in their lives; it should be one of the strongest and most well grounded truths in a believer's heart. The blood covenant should be spoken of all the time because **EVERY PROMISE IN THE WORD IS FOUNDED ON COVENANT RELATIONSHIP**. But if we lack this revelation as we attempt to

walk by faith, we can know we must believe we receive the promise (Mark 11:24) but great doubt can also stop faith if it has no foundation for knowing why we can believe God's Word.

- The devil has no way to undo what God has already completed through Christ; Our Lord has established our blood covenant relationship and by walking in Christ, we can freely partake of everything we have been given.
- The only way we can go without our inheritance is by forfeiting it through fear and unbelief. But as long as we stand in faith, refusing to surrender what is ours in Christ, we can be certain that God will perform His Word in our lives.
- We we grow to levels of confidence and boldness that once appeared impossible; through revelation of the blood covenant, we can possess overwhelming certainty that our Heavenly Father will always honor His promises
- And as this revelation lives in our hearts and our minds are renewed to it, we begin living the abundant life Christ paid for us to have, continually witnessing God do exceeding, abundantly above all we can ask or think (Eph. 3:20)

Part 2

### **Romans 3:20**

Even when the Word speaks of the law, it is covenant related. EVERYTHING IN THE WORD IS ENTIRELY COVENANT RELATED. The law was part of the Abrahamic covenant, it simply came 400 years after they cut the covenant was established

- Now in the new covenant, righteousness WITHOUT THE LAW has been manifested in Jesus. In the old covenant, righteousness could never extend beyond your faithfulness to fulfill the demands of the law and was constantly insufficient of making the person righteous.
- But now we operate in a new covenant where our righteousness is by faith in Jesus and our sin nature has been replaced, making us the righteousness of God in Christ

In verse 24, we are to have faith IN HIS BLOOD, which shows that we must know the power of the blood of Jesus – that it has both spiritually transformed us and sealed the everlasting covenant.

- But the problem we can have is that when we say we have faith in the blood of Jesus, but don't have any clue as to why we should have faith in it

- The blood of Jesus is so sacred and so powerful not only because Jesus walked sinlessly and shed His blood for our salvation, but because the blood of Jesus is THE BLOOD OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD. Jesus is God manifested in the flesh. It is the blood of the God of all creation that has sealed the covenant and assures us that no promise will ever fail or go unfulfilled.

### **Matthew 26:39**

When Jesus said, “let this CUP pass from me”, He was speaking about the CUP OF THE COVENANT. Jesus was literally telling the Father, “if there is any other way, i do not want to cut this covenant. Nevertheless, Your will be done.” He wanted any other way possible to get this covenant done without going to the Cross, but there was not. Then He accepted the covenant with the Father and through his obedience and sacrifice, He was raised from the dead and brought salvation to all of mankind.

- Now when we say we have faith in the blood of Jesus, we are saying that:
  - o We have faith in the power of the spotless blood of Jesus to bring us into an eternal blood covenant with God
  - o We declare that it completely washes away our sins and makes us new creations in Christ
  - o We have been made the righteousness of God in Christ and that we are no longer strangers to the covenants of promise, but have been made heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus
- Furthermore, through the blood of Jesus, we are children of God who have been given power and authority to live as kings in this life; we rule and reign with power over the devil and all the forces of hell. There is no reason to doubt the promises of God, but instead, walk in them daily, always expecting them to be fulfilled.
- We can effectively exercise faith in that blood, which opens up the supernatural power of our blood covenant with God. It both unleashes that power into our lives and enables us to be permanent partakers of our glorious inheritance. Doubt, unbelief and uncertainty of any promise are eliminated from our hearts and minds so we can expect the Lord to faithfully perform His Word, no matter how hopeless any situation appears to be

## **Romans 5:11**

We have been JUSTIFIED by the blood of Jesus, which is another way of saying that we have been made righteous through His blood

- This is what causes our faith in the blood of Jesus to grow; when we understand the power of shed blood in a covenant, we know that when the blood of two people are put together, they are no longer two, but one.
- The life of the flesh is in the blood, so now we see that the life of them are in one another; Therefore, when we enter in the blood covenant with God, ALL THE LIFE OF GOD IS GIVEN TO US AND PLACED IN US AND
- We are now His and He is ours, MEANING WE ARE ONE WITH GOD AND HIDDEN IN HIM

## **Hebrews 9:8, 10:1**

The precious blood of Jesus is far superior to the blood of bulls and goats, which could only atone for sins and always left men with a consciousness of their sins; but the blood of Jesus is spotless and pure, only needing to be shed once for all humanity to erase the memory of sin and the sin-conscience that men walked around with day by day

- A sin consciousness should never be in any person who has received the blood of Jesus shed for them; the devil never wants us living in the reality of our redemption in Christ because it brings us out of our sin-filled past and into our daily life of righteousness in Christ with freedom from sin and all its bondage
- Now when we live with a consciousness of our righteous nature in Christ, the weight of sin is gone and we have faith in Christ
- Each of us can be who we are created to be and do every ordained work we have been assigned by God to do; we are filled with an unshakable boldness and tenacity to live life as kings and priests unto God.

## **Galatians 3:8**

When it says that God was preaching the gospel to Abraham, the Word tells us that God speaking the promises of the blood covenant to Abraham was just the same as preaching the gospel to those in the new covenant sealed in the blood of Jesus.

- The covenant God cut with Abraham, making him the father of many nations, brought salvation to mankind through the sacrifice of Jesus, who was given by God in love for everyone in the world. Now all of our sins are forgiven, we are new creations in Christ and walk daily in a better covenant built on better promises
- The moment God told Abraham, "I am the Almighty God," Abraham's ears heard, "I am El Shaddai." In other words, God said, "the life that is in Me can be partaken of by you. I am your brother, your protector, your provider, everything you will ever need me to be, I Am!"

Now every time we preach the gospel, whether its to a friend on the job or as a minister from the pulpit on Sunday morning, we recognize that preaching the gospel is preaching the words of the blood covenant, declaring to all men that they can freely experience the power of the intimate covenant relationship by believing in Christ.

- Everyone who opens their Bible can now understand that what they hold in their hands is not a book of doctrine from a particular religion of the world, but a copy of our blood covenant relationship with God
- We open up and mediate on all the promises of God that are sealed in the blood of Jesus and never fail for any reason; Every believer can understand that God is no respecter of persons and what He does for one child He will freely do for all His children.
- We no longer waver with uncertainty, wondering if God will fulfill His promise to us, but we become just like Abraham, who had full assurance of faith. We possess unshakable confidence that every promise God has made to us will always be fulfilled when we stand in faith and patiently expect it to manifest in our lives.