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We welcome all of you joining us in the television, and those of you joining us online in brothersoftheword.com. Stay tuned to today's message. Always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor for his annual physical. And while the husband was getting dressed after the physical, the doctor came out and said to the wife, "I don't like the way your husband looks." "Neither do I," his wife replied. But he is handy around the house and great with the kids.

We've been studying God's faithfulness to His covenant for several weeks now and I want to spin off and I wanted to do some separate studies on some separate covenants and so today, I want to talk about our covenant of blessing. We shared last time our covenant of love, our covenant of loving kindness and love and today, I want to share our covenant of blessing. We have some powerful covenants and so, some of them are so powerful that I just wanted to take the liberty to expound and really do a study on each one individually.

So, I really want to do a study on our covenant of protection. And I want to do a study on our covenant of healing because that's so vital. Our covenant of protection, our covenant of healing, but today, we're talking about our covenant of blessing, our covenant of blessing, our covenant of blessing. Flip over with me to the Book of Ephesians, the Book of Ephesians, Chapter 2 and we will read some selected verses. We will start with Ephesians Chapter

2, we will begin with Verse 11 and 12 and then, we're going to continue reading Ephesians Chapter 2. Let's read Verse 11 and Verse 12. When you get there say, "Amen" Ephesians Chapter 2, Verse 11 and Verse 12. Let's read together in Unison.

"Wherefore, remember that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision by that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers." Notice this, strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.

Just to give you a little background, before Christ came, you really only had two groups of people: you had covenant people and then, you had people with no covenant. So, had people who were circumcised, the Jewish people, the lineage of Abraham. So, you had the Jews: Israel, God's people and then, you have everybody else. So, if you were not Jewish, if you were not from the natural decent of Abraham, you were considered Gentile.

So, you had the Jews, and you had the Gentiles and we were Gentiles, because we're not physically from Abraham's descent, we're not his biological seed and so, we were Gentiles by nature, out of those two groups, we were Gentiles. And so, we were in bad shape, we had no hope, we had no covenant

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This is what's it's saying, "We had no covenant, we had no hope, we had no relationship with God. We, we're in bad shape." But praise God, something changed, something changed, something changed, something changed.

And so, see the Jewish people, they enjoyed covenant relationship with God. They enjoyed all the privileges of the covenant, all the blessings of the covenant, they enjoyed all the covenant privileges. But we had no access to that covenant, we had no access to those blessings, we had to access to God. And so, we were without hope and we were in bad shape, but praise God now we do.

Look at Verse 13, that was our condition. But look at Verse 13, "But now." Everybody says, "But now." But now, in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off, are made not by the Blood of

Christ. We now have access, we now have a part, we now have a covenant, we now have hope, we now have God. All right, that's so exciting, that is so exciting. We're no longer strangers, we're no longer aliens from the covenant or from us, we're no longer outsiders.

We've been brought in by the Blood of Christ. We've been brought in by the Blood of Christ. Now drop down to Verse 18 and 19. For through Him, we both have access by one spirit unto the Father; now therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the Household of God. Praise God.

Now, that word, "Household" is literally translated, it literally means, members of the family. So now, your no longer strangers, your no longer foreigners, you are now members of the family. Turn to your neighbor and say, "Hello my brother or my sister you are members of the family now.": Turn in your neighbor and say, "Welcome to the family, welcome to the family. You're members of the family now." Which means now, we have relationship, now we have a covenant, now we have promises, now we can enjoy the full privileges of everything that this covenant entitles us to, because now, we are in the family, we are in the family, we are in the family. Praise God, I'm happy to be in the family. I'm in the family now. Man, we were strangers and foreigners, had no citizenship, but now we're in the family, we're in the family, we're in the family.

Then I'll flip over to the Book of Galatians, Chapter 3, Book of Galatians, Chapter 3, when you get there, say, "Amen." In Galatians Chapter 3, now we've got a reason going to select verses here, let's begin with Verse 7. Let's read Verse 7 through 9 and then, we're going to read some other verse on Galatians Chapter 3, Verse 7 through 9. Notice what it says, let's read it together.

"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." Now here's a revelation that the children of Abraham were once only considered those who were a biological decent, those who had natural lineage and that natural heritage, they were the children of Abraham, the Jewish people. But now, this says, "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith." We who are of faith. How many are of faith in Christ Jesus? How many if you are of faith? We who are of faith now, we are the same, we are the children now of Abraham.

Verse 8, “And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached”. Most people don’t know that God preached the gospel to Abraham. God told Abraham that, “His Seed would be Christ and through Christ, the whole world would be blessed through His Seed.”

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So, God showed up to Abraham, preaching the Gospel of Christ. Abraham heard the Gospel and he believed, he believed. And this is why Abraham is considered the father of faith. He was the first to believe on Christ, even though Christ wasn’t even here yet, Christ wasn’t even here yet, but Abraham believed the Gospel. He believed the Gospel of God, preached the Gospel to Abraham. Abraham believed on Christ, he believed on Christ, he believed on Christ. Even Jesus told the Pharisees when he came and He walked around.

He said, “Oh Abraham, rejoice to see my day.” Abraham heard the Gospel about Jesus and he accepted it, and he believed it. God counted it onto him as righteousness. So that’s how Abraham was made righteous because God took his faith because he believed on Christ even before He came. It was enough to make him righteous, glory to God, Hallelujah.

Now look at here at Verse 8 and the scripture for saying, that God would justify the heathen through faith. He preached before the Gospel onto Abraham saying, “In thee shall all nations be blessed.” Because up to this particular time, Israel was the only nation that was blessed. And so, God showed to Abraham, “I have a way to bless all nations and it’s going to come through you, it’s going to be your seed and through your seed, when the nations will believe on your seed who is Christ.” The blessing now would be open to all nations. All nations, all nations would be blessed because of His Seed, believing on Christ Jesus who would come.

And so that’s the Gospel that God preached to Abraham in Verse 8. And now, look at Verse 9, “So then, they which be of faith are blessed.” Everybody says, “Blessed.” They, which be if faith is blessed with faithful Abraham. This is our covenant of blessing; this is our covenant of blessing. They who are of faith, how many of you are of faith? I’m of faith of Christ Jesus, are you of faith in Christ? They who are of faith, the same are blessed with faithful Abraham.

And so, we now share in Abraham's blessing, by our faith. I am blessed. Say this with me, "I'm blessed with faithful Abraham. I am blessed with Abraham's blessing. We're blessed with Abraham, because we are of faith in Christ Jesus."

Now drop down to Verse 13, drop down to Verse 13, still in Galatians Chapter 3, look at Verse 13, we're going to look at Verse 13, and Verse 14 and then, we're going to look at Verse 29. But look at Verse 13, read it together with me, Verse 13.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." Verse 14, this is why Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. Look at Verse 14. "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith."

And so, here's the thing, under the Old Covenant, there was a blessing on the Old Covenant and there was a curse on the Old Covenant. If you couldn't keep the Old Covenant, you are cursed. No one could keep the Old Covenant. So, the curse on everybody. That was a curse seeking everybody, that was a curse after everybody. Christ, when he came, He said, "Lord, I'll tell you what, I'll swap places with them, let me take the curse that's due them."

So, Christ took our curse. Now, He was the only one who fulfilled the law, he kept the covenant. So, the blessing was due on Christ. So, Christ said, "I'll tell you what God, let me swap places with them, the curse is due on them, the blessing is due on me. So, what I'll do, "I'll take their curse and let them have My Blessing." The Blessing of Christ has come on us., the Blessing of Christ has come on the Gentiles. So, He redeemed us from the curse, He got rid of the curse so, that blessing of Abraham would come on us.

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He wanted us to enjoy God's blessing, the blessing of that covenant. He wanted Abraham's blessing to fall on us. He wanted us to enjoy Abraham's blessing, He wanted it to fall on us. So, he redeemed us from the curse of the law, so that the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles. Gentiles had no right to the blessing; they had no right the blessing because we didn't

have a covenant. But praise God, we will only do the curse because he took that curse and gave us a blessing, praise God.

Now notice what it says, in Verse 14, that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith. And so, of course, looking at that in face-value, you would think, "Well, we get to receive the Holy Spirit by faith." That's true, but that's not all it's talking about. We received the Holy Spirit, but we receive the promise of the spirit, is what it's saying. So, you think that the Holy Spirit was promised to us and that's what we receive.

But actually, a deeper meaning is, "We receive not only the Holy Spirit that's the part of it, we receive everything that the spirit promised Abraham." That is the promise of the spirit, the promise of the spirit is everything that God's spirit promised to Abraham, so it included the Holy Spirit. But it included so much more, the whole blessing, the covenant blessing was promised to Abraham. So, we received the promise of the spirit, everything we received the holy spirit and everything the spirit promised to Abraham, our covenant of blessing.

Now drop down to Verse 29, Verse 29, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise?" Praise God, praise Gpd. "If ye be Christ, then ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." Say it with me, "The blessing of Abraham has come on me, the blessing of Abraham has come on me." If ye be Christ, then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise?

Now if you go back up to Verse 15 through 17, it talks a little bit more about this covenant. Flip just a few Verses back to Verse 15 through 17 in Galatians 3, notice it talks about the covenant here and it says, "Brethren, I speak after the manner of men." Verse 15, "I speak after the manner of man, though it be, but a man's covenant." Now, he's talking about the seriousness of covenant here. He said, "Even," this is what he's saying, "Even if it was just a man's covenant, you know that no man breaks a covenant." That's how serious covenant was and we've already talked about how serious covenant was back in those days. Nobody broke a covenant, nobody broke a blood covenant back in those days, it was unheard of. When the oath was sworn by blood and there was a cutting and the incision where blood flows, a blood

covenant, no one will break a blood covenant among men. I'm talking about among men.

There were no covenants broken. So, this is what he says, he says, "Now, brethren, I speak after the manner of men." He said, if it was only a man's covenant, yet, if it be confirmed if that covenant has been cut, no man, there are no other, no man breaks the covenant. And he's saying, folks, "This is not a covenant made by man." Now if nobody would break man's covenant, he said, "This is a divine covenant, this is made by God." So, he said, "If man won't break the covenant." he said, "This is a far more serious covenant, God made this covenant." Oh man, do you have to make me shout all by myself. Oh, my goodness.

"No man disannulleth, or addeth thereto." Verse 16, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. Verse 16. Now to Abraham and his seed where the promise was made. He said, "Not and to seeds as of many; but as of one, and to Thy Seed, which is, Christ." And so, when God cut the covenant with Abraham, God was really cutting the covenant with Christ because God was looking through Abraham down through the annals of time when Christ would come. And so, God was making the covenant with Abraham's seed, which is Christ. He made the covenant with somebody who couldn't break it. God made the covenant with someone who couldn't break it. He knew Christ would never break it. So, the covenant was made with Christ through Abraham and it was to the seed.

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And that seeds as of many, but Seed, singular which is Christ. Now, I said all that to say, all the promises and the blessings were made to Christ. So, we had no right to it, but that's what Verse 29 gets exciting. It says, "And if ye be Christ's," In other words, we are now in Christ. The Bible puts it this way, "We are joint heirs with Christ." Meaning, where in Christ, everything that Christ gets, we also get because we are in him. There is now no separating the two of us, we are one with Christ. We are in Christ, Christ is in us, anything Christ gets, it is automatically credited to us, it is credited to us. And so, because the covenant was made to Christ, the promises were made to Christ and because we're in Christ, we get those promises, they were now made to us.

We're heirs of those promises because everything Christ gets; we get because we are in Him. We are joint heirs with Christ. Say, "I'm a joint heir. I'm a joint heir with Christ. Everything Christ has, we have now."

And so, because He got the blessing, we get the blessing because we're in Him, we're joint heirs. You know, if you have a joint account with anybody, both of you are entitled to everything that's in it. If you got a joint account, everything in that account is equal to those joint partners. Those were joint heirs with Christ Jesus, everything he has, we have access to, it's ours now. He's counted us one in Him.

And that's why we're counted righteous, we're in Him now. God sees us in Christ, God sees us in Christ. And so, he's now released the fullness of Abraham's blessings on us, because he was releasing it to Christ, we are in Christ and so, we receive that full blessing, we receive that full blessing.

This is our covenant of blessing and I want you to know, if you continue to read in there, Verse 15 down through Verse 17. It lets you know this covenant is still enforced, the covenant blessing is still intact, it is still in operation. It has not been broken it has not been annulled, it is still in force. And God simply wants His people to know, it's still working, it's still available, it's still powerful, it's still on you because you're in Christ and that blessing is still there. Praise God, oh man, oh man, oh man. It's still working, it's still on us, it's on us, it's still on us, it's still on us.

Now, let me show you some more scriptures here, flip over to Ephesians 1. Let me show you this, you're going to see Abraham's blessing still in force, it's still intact, it's still operating, it's still on our lives. Ephesians 1, Verse 3, notice this, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:" This has so much to do with Abraham's blessing that came on Christ and now, we're in Christ so, all those blessings now have been released to us in Christ Jesus.

Christ blessings are now our blessings, this is our covenant of blessing, we've been made the seed of Abraham, we've been made righteous. And so, all the spiritual blessing, God's given us all spiritual blessings in heavenly places, all the blessings have been

released to us in Christ Jesus. Everything including all of Abraham's blessings, everything.

And so, with the righteousness of God through Christ, we are redeemed by His Blood. We have all of Abraham's blessing, all the spiritual blessings, that's why, we can boldly declare we're the head and not the tail. We're above and not beneath, we are lenders, we are not borrowers. We are blessed coming in and blessed going out. We're blessed in the city and blessed in the field. We're blessed in the basket and blessed in our store. That's your checking account and your saving account. The basket is what they use daily, but the storehouse was the same account, what it's stored up.

Your checking account is blessed and you got to put this in your mouth and begin to say it, even though, you might not see in the digits, but right now, "Hold on to your blessing, hold on to your blessing now and because this is your blessing, you're blessing the storehouse, you're blessing the basket. And in the store, your checking account is blessed." You start confessing this, "My checking account is blessed, my saving account is blessed." The Bible says, Deuteronomy 28, "He commands the blessing on your storehouse, He commands the blessing on your storehouse." All of these is a part of Abraham's blessing, your children are blessed, your body is blessed, your mind is blessed, your spirit is blessed, you're blessed wherever you go.

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You're blessed at whatever you do, everything you have is blessed, everything you get is blessed, this is the blessing of Abraham that has come on us." He's commanded the blessing, He's commanded the blessing, He's commanded the blessing, he's commanded the blessing, He's commanded the blessing.

You now have the Name of Jesus, you now have the Blood of Jesus, you now have the Authority of Christ, you now have a blood covenant, you now have the ministry of angels at your disposal, you now have redemption through His Blood, you now have love and joy and peace and gentleness and meekness and goodness and temperance and faith against such there is no law. You have the word and knowledge, you have the word of wisdom, you have the gifts of healing and working the miracles. You have the gift to express your faith, you have tongues, interpretation of tongue,

prophecy in discerning of spirits, all of these spiritual blessings all combine have now come on us in Christ Jesus. You have what you say, you have what you pray. Folks, all of these are part of our spiritual blessings that have come on us. We've been made alive with Christ, we've been raised up together with Him, we're made to sit together with Him in heavenly places. Folks, these are our blessings, this is our covenant of blessing that's come on us.

God told Abraham, He said, "Here's the main crux of the Abrahamic blessing, He says, "I will bless you and make you a blessing." That's the Abrahamic blessing that's still enforced to everyone who is a part of this covenant. The blessing to you today is, "God will bless you and make you a blessing." He wants you to be a blessing but He knows in order for your to be a full blessing, you will first have to be blessed yourself. And so, that's the Abraham covenant.

Listen, Deuteronomy Chapter 8, Verse 18. God says, "I've given you the power to get wealth, so that I can establish My Covenant." His covenant is to bless you, so that you would be made of blessing, that's the covenant. He had to confirm His Covenant. And so, God says, "I've given you the power, the ability, the resources to get wealth so, I can confirm the covenant that confirms the covenant that He made with Abraham." He wants you blessed so that you can be a blessing, so that you can be a blessing. You're blessed to be a blessing, you're blessed to be a blessing, you're blessed to be a blessing. Abraham's blessing is all over you, Abraham's blessing all over you. The blessing of Christ is all over you, you're blessed to be a blessing.

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