

# THE RIGHTEOUS KINGDOM OF GOD

## MESSAGE 2: NO LONGER STRANGERS

### 31 AUGUST 2025

- **FOUNDATION SCRIPTURES:**

- James 2:23
- Isaiah 48:8-13
- Ephesians 2:11-13, 19
- Blood Covenant Friendship – the giving of one’s self in Covenant faithfulness in unreserved Trust.

#### **I. Too Long Strangers from the Covenants of Promise**

- a. Why did Jesus say what He did in John 6:51?
  - i. Spiritual Bread = eating from God’s Words (Jesus is the Word: John 1), feeds our spirit, like physical food feeds our body
  - ii. “I am the Way, the Truth & the Life” - John 14:6 = Jesus is our Spiritual Life
  - iii. John 10:10 = “I have come to give you life, and life more abundantly”
- b. What is Faith in Jesus’ Blood? Romans 3:25
  - i. Romans 3:25 [*The Passion Translation*] Jesus’ God-given destiny was to be the sacrifice to take away sins, and now he is our mercy seat because of his death on the cross. We come to him for mercy, for God has made a provision for us to be forgiven by faith in the sacred blood of Jesus. This is the perfect demonstration of God’s justice, because until now, he had been so patient—holding back his justice out of his tolerance for us. So he covered over the sins of those who lived prior to Jesus’ sacrifice.
  - ii. Faith is laying hold of the unrealities of hope and bringing them into the realm of reality (by acting on God’s Word). Kenneth E Hagin
  - iii. It’s Confidence that the work Jesus did at the Cross, in Hell & the Resurrection has wiped out our sins, given us life over death – created in us a New Spirit
- c. What is Atoning Blood?
  - i. The Hebrew word *kipporim* means atonement or covering
    1. Exodus 29:33
    2. The blood sacrifices of the Old Covenant just covered the sins of Israel
    3. The Hebrew word *kaphar* means atonement, to make a covering
    4. The Greek Word *katallage* means atonement
    5. Reconciliation: Romans 5:11 = a thorough change!
      - a. To be brought into agreement

d. What is Remitting Blood?

- i. The Greek Word *aphesis* means remission, sending away
- ii. Matthew 26:28
  1. Remission = released from bondage, released from the penalty, a full forgiveness and pardon (like it never existed)
  2. What is the difference between the Old Testament blood of animals that atoned for sin and the New Covenant blood of Jesus that reconciled and remitted
    - a. Hebrews 9:8-14
      - i. Old Testament was for the flesh
      - ii. New Testament for the inner man

**II. Jesus was Separated from the Father – not by His breaking of the Covenant, but by ours**

- a. Hebrews 1:3-5

**III. Jesus Filled the First Covenant in order to establish the Second: Hebrews 10:9**

- a. To open the way for us to enter into the holiest of all, with boldness as God's own children, priests and kings
  - i. Hebrews 6:19
  - ii. Hebrews 10:14-22
  - iii. Hebrews 9:12
- b. Jesus established our Covenant with God
  - i. The New Covenant is cut by the Blood of Jesus, between God the Father and Jesus
  - ii. We are allowed by the New Birth in their Covenant because we are NOW the Body of Christ