

REVIEW:

- Jesus is: God. What kind of God?
- Accepting the gospel includes a choice between two kingdoms.
- Our part of the gospel is our faith.

Colossians 1:15–18 ¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:21–23 ²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—²³if you continue in your faith, **established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel**. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

CHAPTER 2: ROOTED

Colossians 2:6–7 ⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Jeremiah 17:7–8 ⁷But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ROOTED IN HIM?

- Reading scripture: But it's more than that; it's mulling it over. His Word is our source.
 - Prayer: let's pray together.
 - Spiritual relationship
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THE RESULTS OF BEING ROOTED: AS WE ARE ROOTED IN HIM...

- We gain His eternal perspective eternal: this world is not our home.
 - We are reminded of who we are—our identity is not our jobs, our possessions, etc.
 - We gain His confidence and His hope even in crises.
 - We gain His compassion for the lost. It's hard to be lost in a world out of control.
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Colossians 1:9–14 ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS:

Passages to consider: Colossians 2; Colossians 2:6-15

- What from the sermon impacted your thinking, beliefs or actions?
- Did you get a chance to read Colossians 2 this week? If so, what stood out to you?
 1. What has been your experience with growing trees or plants or dealing with something rooted?
 2. Read Colossians 2:6-15. What are key things you see about who God is and what He has done? A) What does this passage say about who you are in Christ?
 3. What does “receiving Christ Jesus as Lord” mean? A) What has that experience and commitment looked like in your life?
 4. How is being committed to follow Christ, to trusting and obeying Jesus, impacting how you see yourself and others?
 5. In what ways are you intentionally seeking to be rooted, built up, and living life based on Jesus? A) How is walking with Jesus impacting your choices and actions with family, time commitments, finances, work, recreation, community, and church?
 6. What is one adjustment you will make to help you walk rooted in Jesus in every area of your life?

Passages to prepare for next week: Colossians 3

This week, read through/listen to:

- o Colossians chapter 3 two or three times—even stretch to read it daily.

As you read, ask yourself these questions:

- a) What is the passage saying about God, people, and how the world works?
 - b) What do I learn about myself from this passage?
 - c) What adjustment does this require of me in my thinking, believing, and doing?
 - d) What changes will I make as I obey what God is showing me?
 - e) What area most needs to be impacted by this? Think of your Home, Church, and World (where you work, live, and play).
 - f) Who will I tell about what God is showing me?
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