

Message Notes

Jesus: the One we proclaim

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *It's okay not to know*

Today's Message:

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Colossians 1:24-29

A closer look at the apostle Paul

Really, Paul?!
Colossians 1:24a

How can we be asked to “rejoice in suffering”?

John 15:18-20, Acts 5:40-42, 1 Peter 4:12-16

In what way does Paul fill up what Christ lacks?
Colossians 1:24b

Paul serves the church with the power of Christ
Colossians 1:24b, 29

A closer look at the word of God

Paul was commissioned to proclaim the word in fullness

Colossians 1:25b, Acts 9:13-16

“admonishing and teaching”
Colossians 1:28

A closer look at Christ

What is the mystery?
Colossians 1:26-27a, Hebrews 1:1-3

“Christ in you”
Colossians 1:27b

“Christ...the hope of glory”
Colossians 1:27c

The BIG question come Monday morning:
How can Christ in us and his word in fullness so impact us that we'd rejoice in suffering?

Questions to personally consider and discuss with your small group:

Is Christ in you?

Are you getting to know him more and more through his word in fullness?

Should suffering come because of #1 and #2, will you count it an honor and so rejoice?

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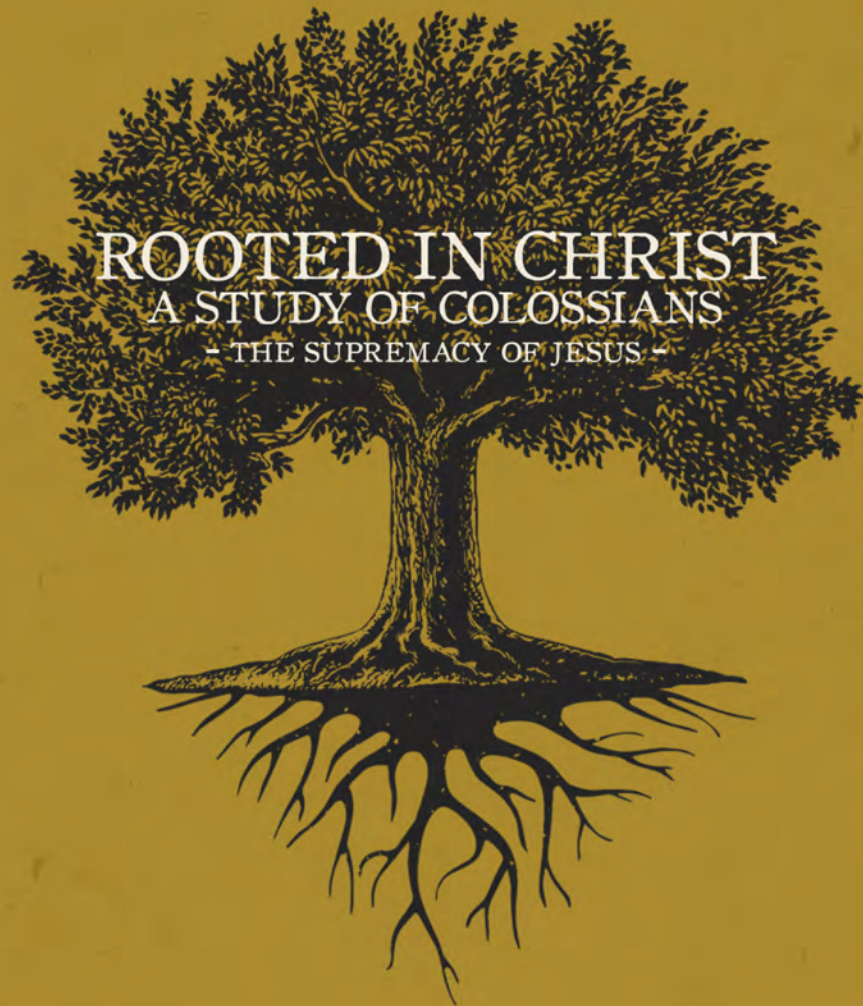
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ROOTED IN CHRIST

A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS

- THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS -

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John 15:18-20

18 “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.
19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.”

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Acts 5:40-42

40 They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin (religious ruling council), rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

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Synonyms for “afflictions:”

Troubles

Persecutions

Distress

Anguish

Suffering

Hardships

Trials

Tribulations

Sharing in Christ's suffering

2 Corinthians 1:5-7

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

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THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS



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As the English “admonish” implies, *noutheteō* focuses on the preacher’s warning of Christians who might be tempted to stray. “Teaching,” on the other hand, is the more positive activity of communicating Christian truth...As people need wisdom to know how to live out true knowledge of God, so the preacher needs wisdom to know how to teach and admonish the people. Paul will again have one eye on the situation in Colossae, where the believers need great wisdom in negotiating the competing religious teachings they are hearing.

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