

Message Notes

Rooted: A New Identity

Introduction – Identity Theft

Today's Message

Rooted in Jesus: A New Identity in Jesus
Colossians 2:13-15

Remember where you came from

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"dead in your sins"

"dead in the uncircumcision of your flesh"

Embrace your New, Given Identity

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"forgiveness"

"taking our certificate of debt"

"nailing it to the cross"

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"by the cross"

Gospel Application – Identity Theft wants to rob you of your joy:

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Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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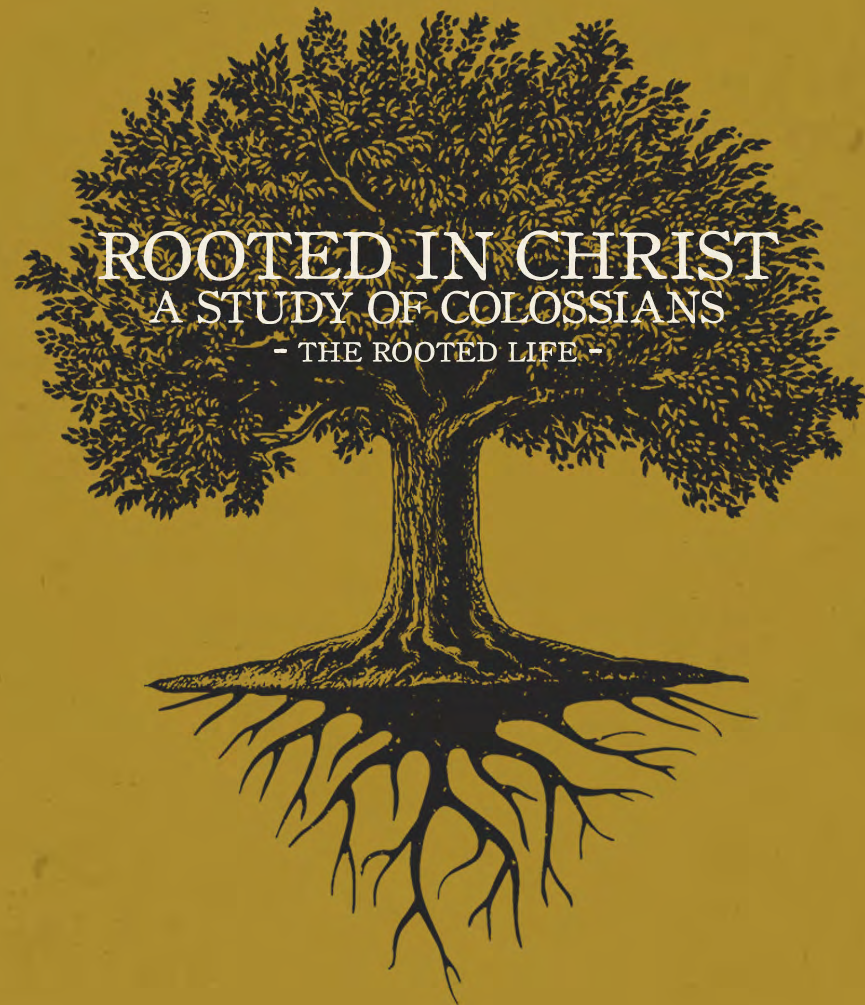
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A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS
- THE ROOTED LIFE -

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Ephesians 2:11-13

¹¹Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands) —

¹²remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

A person in a dark jacket and jeans stands with their back to the camera on a rooftop, looking out over a vast city skyline. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, hazy glow over the city. The skyline is filled with numerous skyscrapers and buildings, some of which are illuminated. The person is standing on a flat, light-colored rooftop surface. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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MARTIN LUTHER
1483–1546



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CERTIFICATE OF LOAN.

Town of Yonkers, Westchester Co., N. Y.

This Certifies that *Fredrick T. Billie* of the Town of Yonkers, has loaned, on the credit of the Town of Yonkers, to the Committee appointed by the Supervisor of said town, pursuant to a resolution, passed at the special town meeting, held in said town, on the 23d day of December, 1863, the sum of *Five hundred* dollars; that such loan is made in compliance with the request of said special town meeting, upon the credit of the town, and not upon the credit of the Committee, or any member thereof; and that the said *Fred T. Billie* is entitled to the repayment of the sum of *Five hundred* dollars, with interest thereon, from the date hereof, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, from the Supervisor of the town, on the collection of the first tax that shall be levied on the town, pursuant to the vote of said special town meeting, or of any statute confirming or legalizing the same.

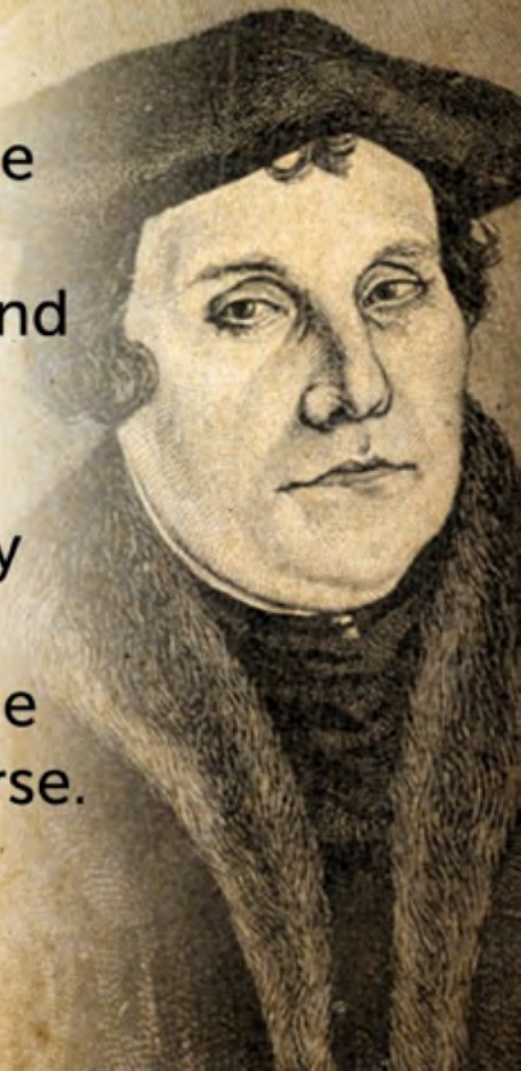
In Witness Whereof, We have, in behalf and by order and authority of such Committee, subscribed our names hereto, as Chairman and Secretary thereof, this 23rd day of *January* 1864, at Yonkers, N. Y.

[Signature] Secretary.

[Signature] Chairman.

Wherefore there is no other way to avoid the curse, but to believe, and with assured confidence to say, "Thou Christ art my sin and my curse, or rather, I am Thy sin, Thy curse, Thy death, Thy wrath of God, Thy hell; and contrariwise, Thou art my righteousness, my blessing, my life, my grace of God, my heaven." Therefore we are the cause that He was made a curse: nay rather we are His curse.

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4. Security of your status – Nailed to the Cross

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I absolve you
[of your sin]
in the name of the
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He has forgiven you all your sins: Christ has utterly wiped out the damning evidence of broken laws and commandments which always hung over our heads, and has completely annulled it by nailing it over his own head on the cross.

~ J. B. Phillips translation of Colossians 2:13b-14

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In the Colossians reference, however, the victims are true enemies. The “principalities and powers” who have been conquered and are drawn along in God’s triumphal procession are not related to God or Christ as Paul and other Christians are. God parades these powerless “powers” and “principalities” to make plain to all the magnitude of the victory. Their period of rule is finished; they must worship and serve the victor. These authorities are not depicted as gladly surrendering but as submitting against their wills to a power they cannot resist. They have been pacified (1:20), overcome and reconciled, yet not finally destroyed or appeased. They continue to exist, opposed to man and his interests (Rom 8:38, 39). But they cannot finally harm the person who is in Christ, and their ultimate overthrow, although in the future, is sure and certain (1 Cor 15:24–28).

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“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.

~ C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters* (originally 1942; this edition: Harper Collins, 1996) ix.




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Since Satan is the source and embodiment of all wickedness, God and the godly should, indeed, hate him, meaning both in a sense of intense disapproval and in the sense of intense desire for his judgment and dispatching out of history and out of influence into the lake of fire. And I think this is confirmed by the fact that Satan is beyond repentance, and never in the Bible is any thought of praying for Satan or wishing for Satan's conversion mentioned or considered virtuous.

~ John Piper

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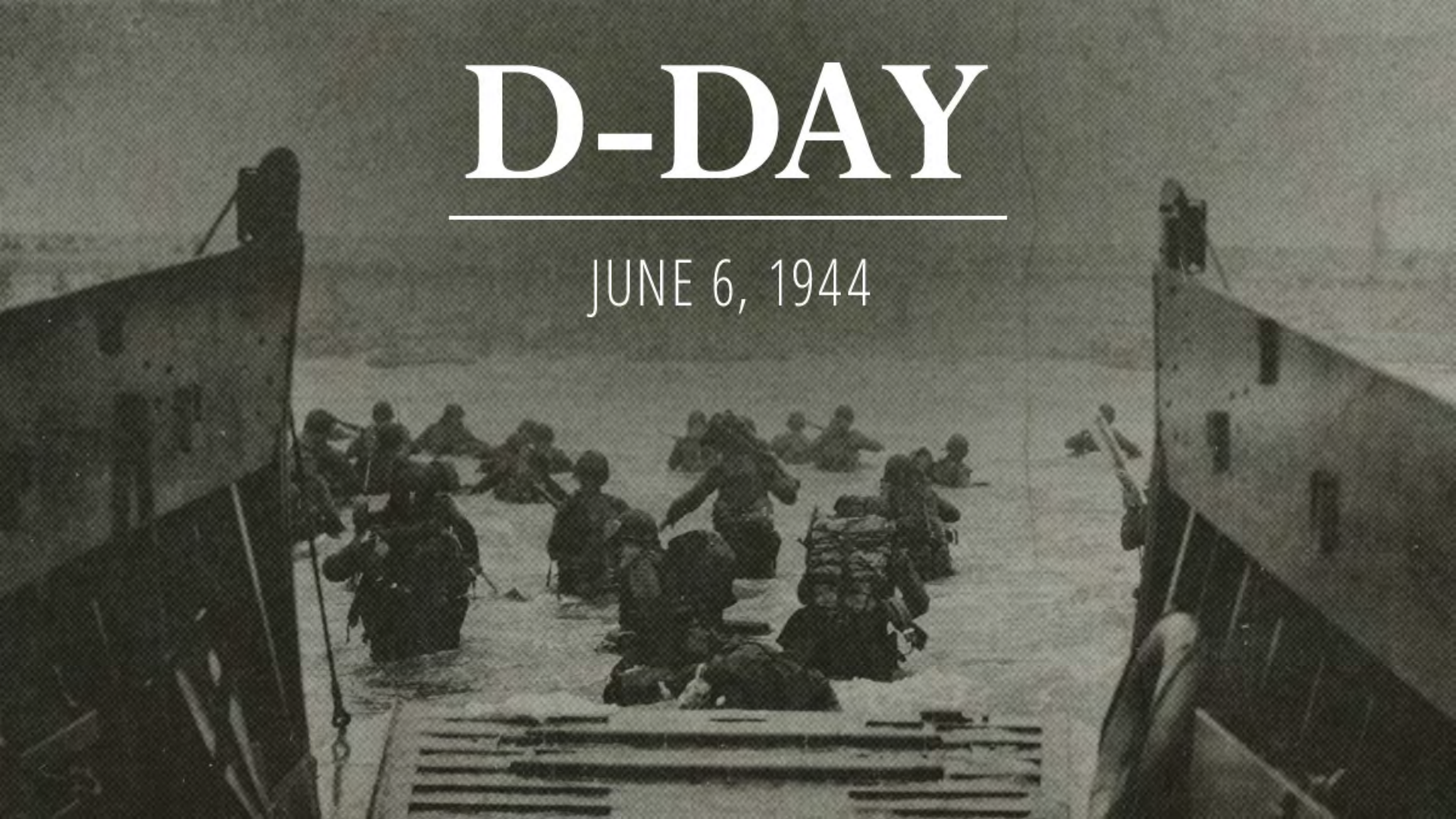
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GERMANY SURRENDERS

IT'S V-E DAY!

German Units Yield

member Pearl Harbor!

Acting arrests 5¢ Journal THE AMERICAN AFTERNOON EDITION

La Guardia's Exit Speeds Party Moves

REIMS, France, May 7 (AP). —

EXTRA

NIGHT

Five Cents

NEW YORK POST

NEW YORK, MONDAY, MAY 7, 1945

EXTRA

11 PAGES

FROM EISENHOWER HQ: NAZIS QUIT!

NAZIS GIVE UP SURRENDER TO ALLIES AND RUSSIA ANNOUNCED

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La Guardia Exit How Nazis Seized V-E to Release Help O'Dwyer U.S. Correspondents Some Gasoline And M Goldrick But Little Else

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2. The “powers” are publically exposed

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This is a picture of a triumphal procession through the streets in celebration of a military victory, with the conquered rulers and authorities put on display. The image that Paul had in mind can be seen in Plutarch's description of the three-day Triumph given the Roman General Aemilius Paulus upon his return from capturing Macedonia. Great scaffolds were erected in the forum and along the boulevards of Rome for spectator seating, and all of Rome turned out, dressed in festive white. On the first day, 259 chariots displayed in procession the statues, pictures, and colossal images taken from the enemy. On the second day, innumerable wagons bore the armor of the Macedonians...

Following the wagons came 3,000 carrying the enemies' silver in 750 vessels, followed by more treasure. On the third day came the captives, preceded by 120 sacrificial oxen with their horns gilded and their heads adorned with ribbons and garlands, next Macedonian gold, then the captured king's chariot, crown, and armor. Then came the king's servants, weeping, with hands outstretched, begging the crowds for mercy. Next came his children. Then King Perseus himself, clad entirely in black, followed by endless prisoners. Finally came the victorious general,



... seated on the chariot magnificently adorned, dressed in a robe of purple, interwoven with gold, and holding a laurel branch in his right hand. All the army, in like manner, with boughs of laurel in their hands, divided into their bands and companies, followed the chariot of their commander; some singing verses, according to the usual custom songs of triumph and the praise of Aemilius's deeds.

In the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, God the Father achieved a great victory over the evil powers of this world, making “a public spectacle of them.” He wants us to see that though they still exist, they are defeated. Satan’s demons have been sentenced to be in the train of God’s victory parade. Thus, we need no longer fear the outcome of our battle with evil. Christ has conquered! We have conquered! And we *will* conquer!

~ R. Kent Hughes, *Colossians and Philemon: The Supremacy of Christ*, Preaching the Word (Westchester, IL: Crossway Books, 1989), 79–80.

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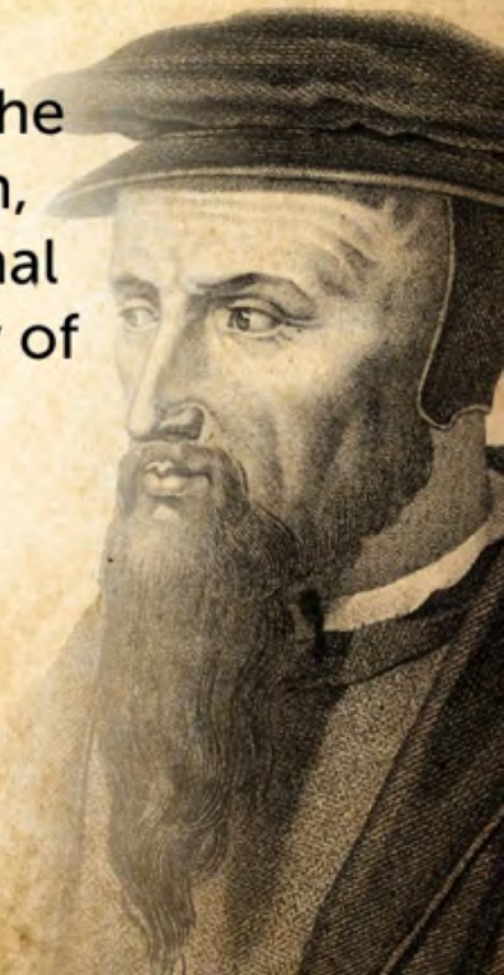
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For although in the cross there is nothing but curse, it was, nevertheless, swallowed up by the power of God in such a way, that it has put on, as it were, a new nature. For there is no tribunal so magnificent, no throne so stately, no show of triumph so distinguished, no chariot so elevated, as is the gibbet on which Christ has subdued death and the devil, the prince of death; nay more, has utterly trodden them under his feet.

JOHN CALVIN





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