

Message Notes

Being Rooted: Union with Christ

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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Today's Message

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Colossians 2:9

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Gospel Application –

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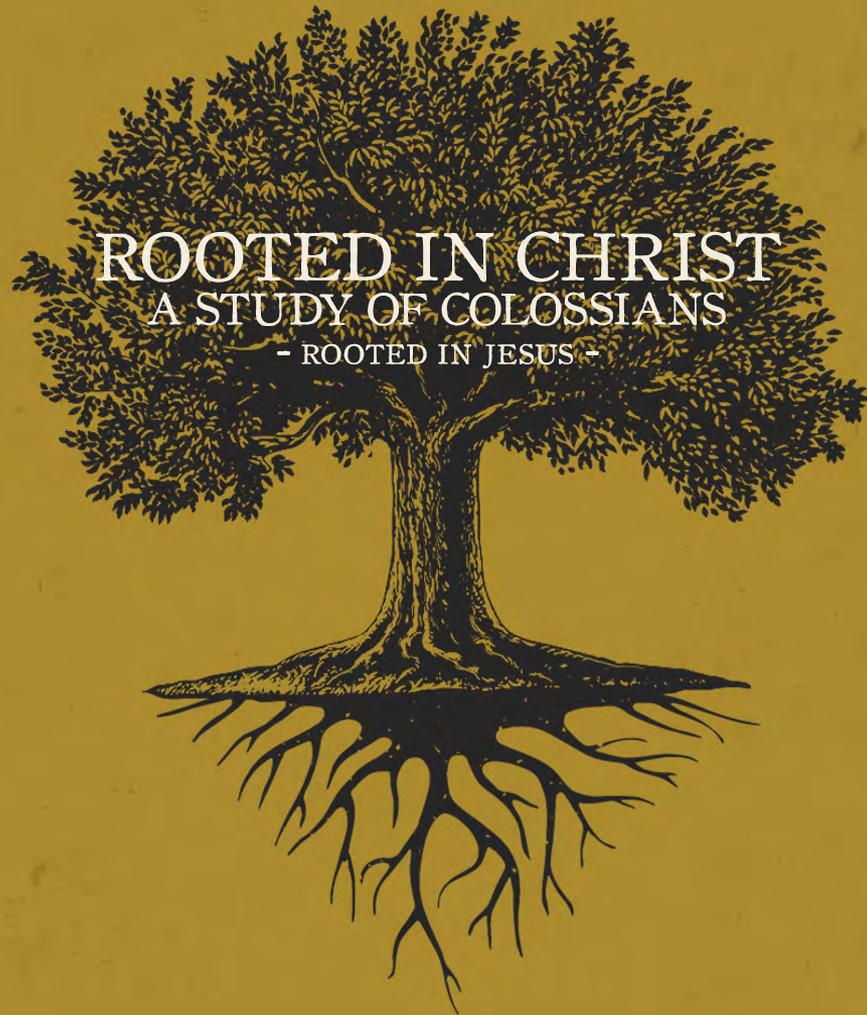
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Objective vs. Subjective



ROOTED IN CHRIST
A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS
- ROOTED IN JESUS -

Colossians 2:6-8

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

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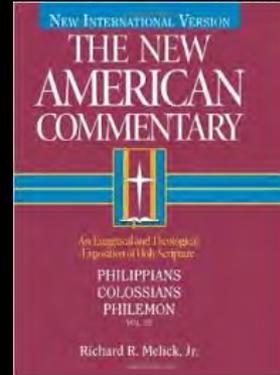
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Just as Jesus was fully God, believers are fully complete in him. Nothing lacks in salvation. The understanding of salvation may grow, and the appropriation of the blessings of salvation may increase; but in Christ, they had all there was, the “fullness” of salvation.

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Why is Jesus as the head significant?

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WERE YOU FORGED BY SAURON?

'CAUSE, BABY, YOU ARE PRECIOUS.

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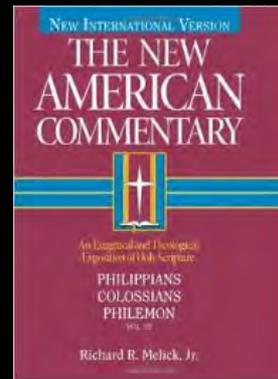
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Paul related the concept of circumcision to baptism. The primary stress lies on the spiritual experience of believers in their union with Christ. The three points of identification with Christ are death, burial, and resurrection. The many references to “in him” and “with him” demonstrate that this is done vicariously, as believers accept the work of Christ on their behalf. Clearly, it is at the time of salvation that this spiritual circumcision was performed.

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Objective vs. Subjective

Objective

I'm not a professional dancer.

Subjective

I can do the worm and jump
in a mosh pit.

Objective
You are full.

Subjective
Be filled.

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You are full.

Jesus is your master.

Subjective

Be filled.

Trust him. Submit to him.

Objective

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Your heart has been
circumcised by the Spirit.

Subjective

Be filled.

Trust him. Submit to him.

Keep your heart pure and
keep in step with the Spirit.

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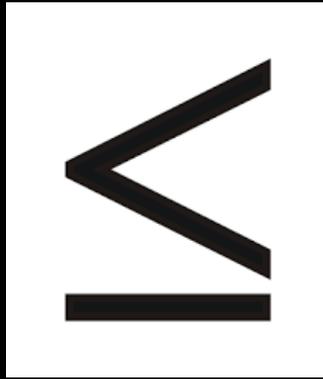
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Don't go on sinning!



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You're against us.

Subjective

Speak out!

Response: Don't speak out.

Objective

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Subjective

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Response: Don't speak out.

Show love.

Objective

You're against us.

You're full of hate.

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You're the problem.

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Response: Don't join them.

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