

# Message Notes

The Rooted Life: In prayer and in action

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

**Introduction** – To be heard or not to be heard? That is the question.

**Today's Message:**  
**The Rooted Life: In prayer and in action**

## #1 - Talk to God

Col. 4:2a

devote: to continue to do something with intense effort

Go to God as often as you

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Col. 4:2b, Matt. 24:42-44, Rom. 1:21-23

## #2 - Talk to God on behalf of others...

For doors to be opened!

Col. 4:3

And for clarity in preaching

Col. 4:4, 1 Cor. 9:16

What is the message of Christ?

## #3 - Talk to others about God

Col. 4:5-6, 1 Peter 3:15-16

What does this actually look like?

*Tell me about your spiritual journey*

*Pray the words of the Bible*

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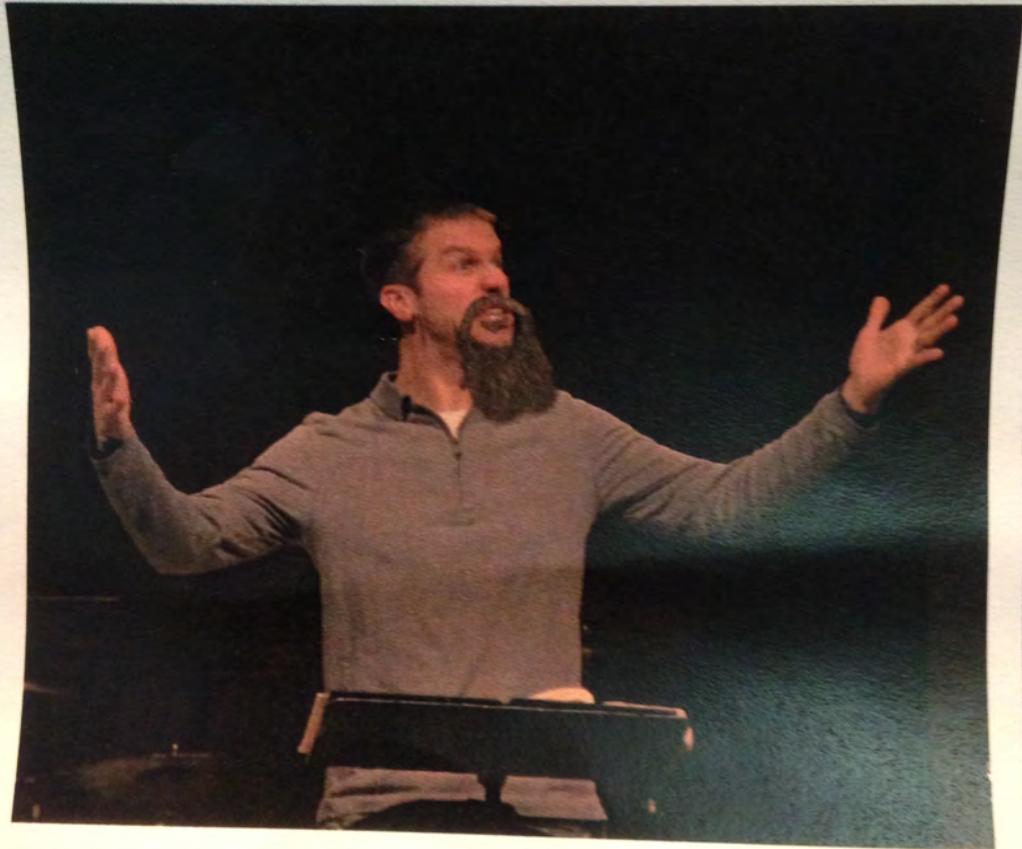
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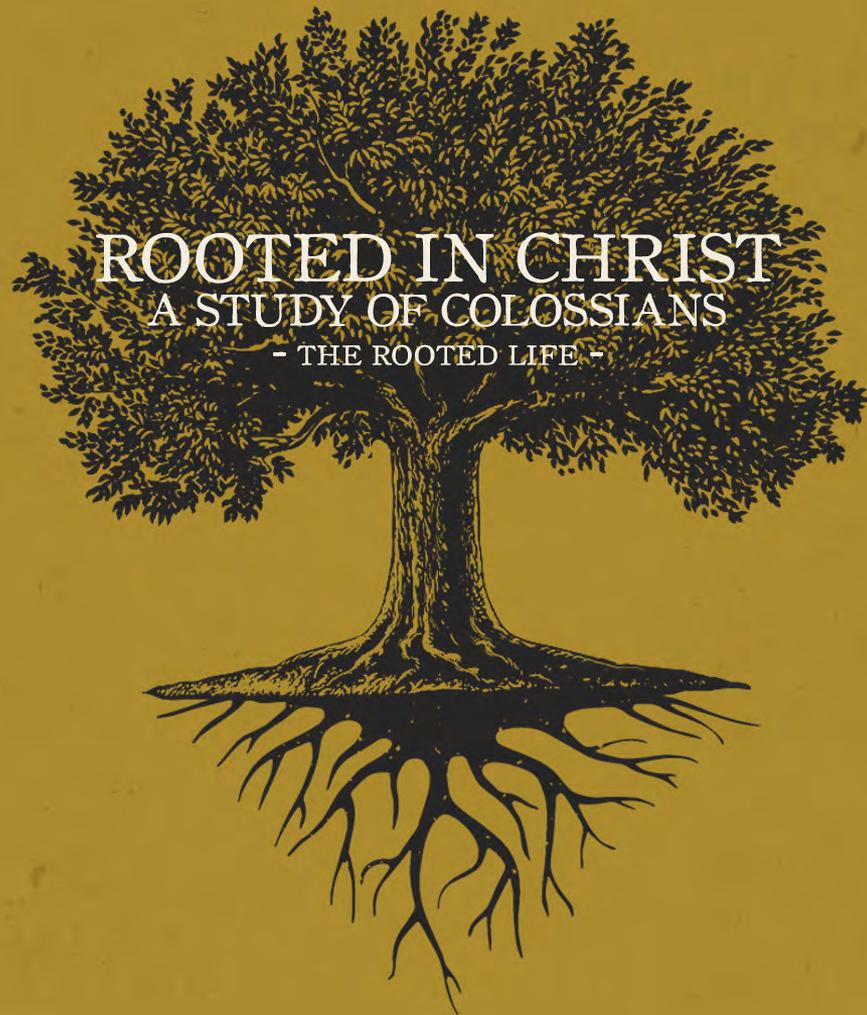
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Preach it!





ROOTED IN CHRIST  
A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS  
- THE ROOTED LIFE -

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**"devote" - προσκαρτερέω**

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with the possible implication of or despite difficulty

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The point, then, is not that believers should pray with intensity when they pray but that they should pray habitually and with perseverance. We “should always pray and not give up” (Luke 18:1); “pray continually” (1 Thess. 5:17) (cf. NAB, “persevere in prayer”; ESV, “continue steadfastly in prayer”).



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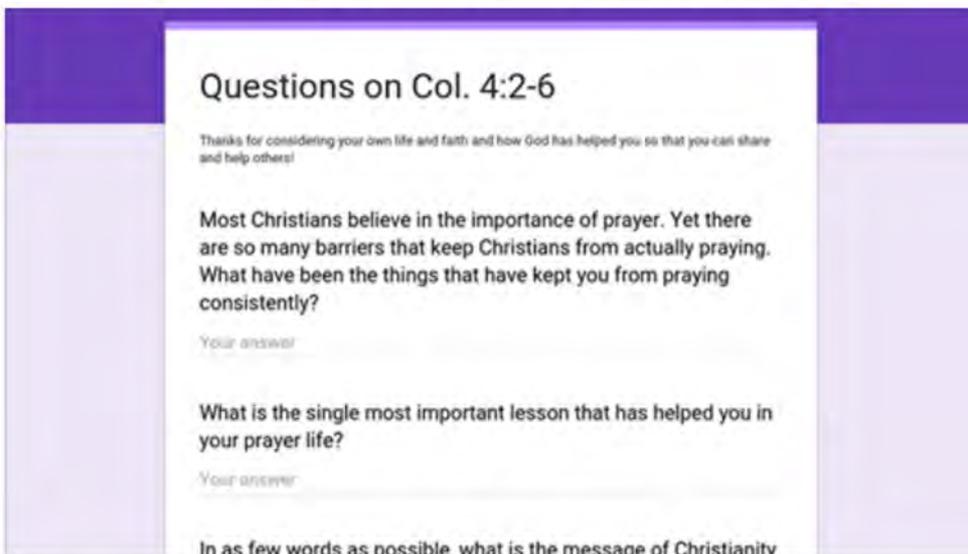
Go to God as often as you do your phone.



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Hey [Hope Community Church](#), can you help me with my sermon for Sunday? It saves me a bunch of time so I can go golfing with [Steve Treichler](#), [Calvin Treichler](#), and [Drew Zuehlke](#) tomorrow. Thanks! 😊



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Most Christians believe in the importance of prayer. Yet there are so many barriers that keep Christians from actually praying. What have been the things that have kept you from praying consistently?

Your answer

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What is the single most important lesson that has helped you in your prayer life?

Your answer

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In as few words as possible, what is the message of Christianity (i.e. the gospel of Jesus Christ)?

Your answer

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In Col 4:5, Paul tells the church to "make the most of the opportunity" in our actions toward those who are outside of the church. What opportunities do you feel the church should be taking (which it isn't currently) in its actions toward those who are not believers?

Your answer

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PSA be careful of men without facial hair....they tryna get in your pockets or your head **#staywoke**





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**Josh Branham** @ComicJosh · May 11

They say you shouldn't judge someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes. Ain't NOBODY tricking ME into exercising. **#staywoke**





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Stop letting Drake, Beyonce & all this other stuff distract y'all from what's really going on, popeyes \$5 box ends in 3 days . stay woke

Stay woke people! 100 ! 😂

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## For Clarity in Preaching Colossians 4:4

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In other words, what is the gospel or good news?

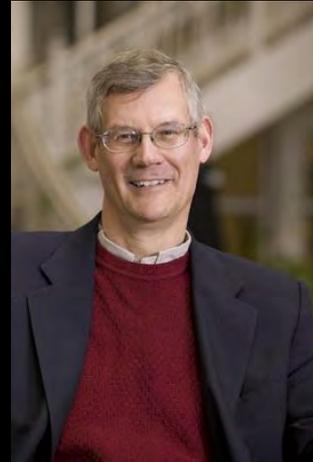
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**Be wise and opportunistic**

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“Wisdom,” of course, is a very broad concept, occupying in biblical thought a crucial intermediate stage between thought and action. As believers immerse themselves in the life of Christ, having put on the “new man” (3:10–11), their minds are renewed by God’s Spirit (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23). Wisdom will enable us to determine just how, in given situations, our new way of thinking, our new set of biblical values, should be put into effect.



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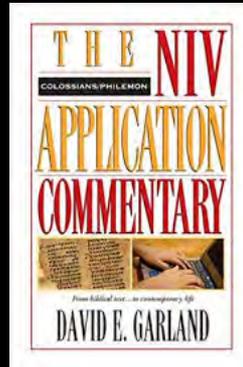
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The Colossians share the responsibility of evangelizing unbelievers as much as the traveling missionaries. They must blend wisdom (1:9, 28; 2:3; 3:16; see Eph. 4:5) with a sense of reckless urgency that exhausts every opportunity to reach unbelievers.

Garland, David E. Colossians and Philemon. The NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1998.



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Tell me about your spiritual journey

# Pray the words of the Bible

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# Oh, that we might pray!

What various hindrances we meet  
In coming to a mercy seat;  
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer,  
But wishes to be often there.

Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw,  
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;  
Gives exercise to faith and love,  
Brings every blessing from above.

# Oh, that we might pray!

Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;  
Prayer makes the Christian's armor bright;  
And Satan trembles, when he sees  
The weakest saint upon his knees.

Were half the breath thus vainly spent,  
To Heav'n in supplication sent;  
Your cheerful song would oft'ner be,  
"Hear what the Lord has done for me."

*What Various Hindrances We Meet by William Cowper*