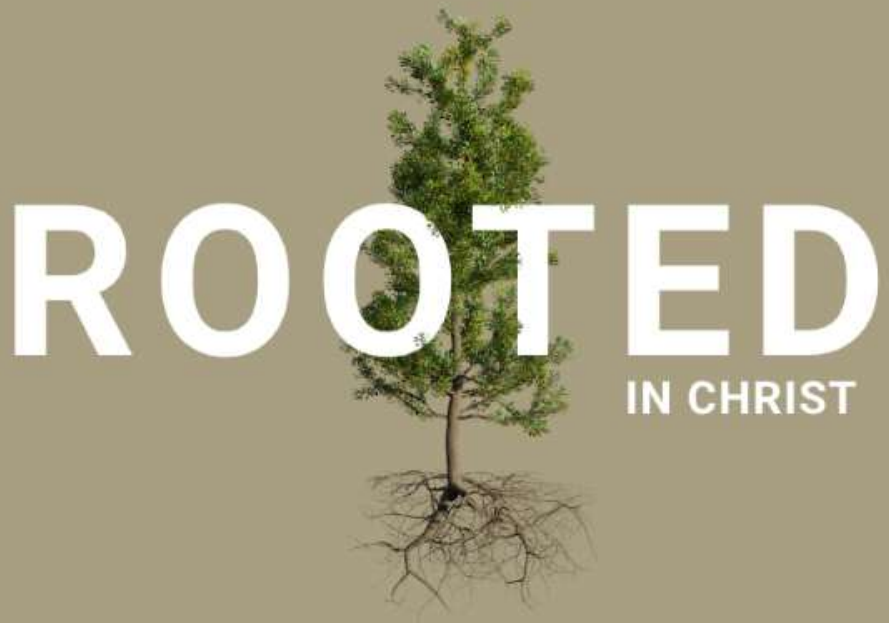


Christ's Rule & Residence

Colossians 3:15-17

John 14:27

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” (ESV)

Philippians 4:7

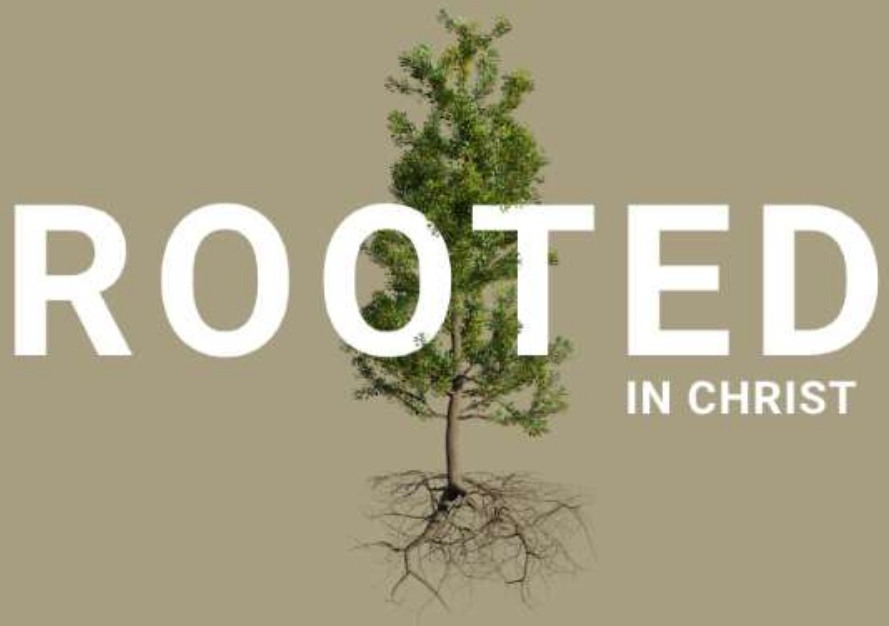
ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (ESV)

Colossians 3:15-17

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (ESV)



Let the Peace of Christ Rule

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful" (15)

Two Grammatical Statements

ROOTED IN CHRIST

- **“Let” is an imperative** (command)
  - The peace of Christ **MUST** rule
  - It is not optional

Two Grammatical Statements

ROOTED IN CHRIST

- “Let” is an imperative (command)
- **There is a language change from 2nd person to 3rd person.**
  - It doesn’t say, “You be peaceful,” but that “Christ’s peace must rule over you.”

Rule (brabeuō)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- To manage, lead, direct, or control

The Peace of Christ

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- **It is an Internal Peace** (in your heart)

Complacent vs. Contentment

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- Complacency is staying where you are.
- Contentment is living where you are.

Romans 8:28

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (ESV)

Philippians 4:11-13

ROOTED IN CHRIST

“Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (ESV)

The Peace of Christ

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- It is an Internal Peace
- **It is an External Peace** (you were called in one body)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” (ESV)

The Peace of Christ

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- It is an Internal Peace
- It is an External Peace
- **It is an Eternal Peace** (be thankful)

A Thankful Spirit

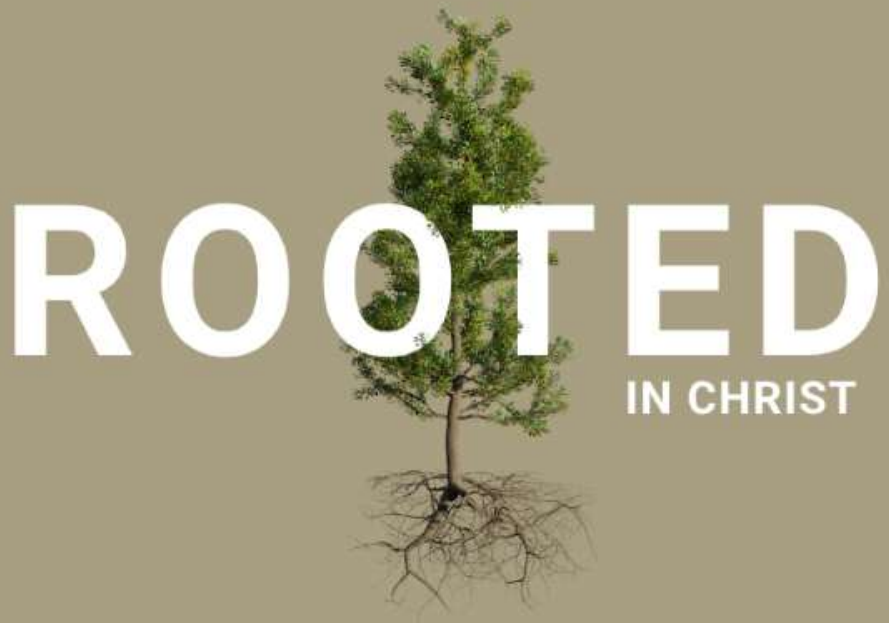
ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- 3:15—“And be thankful”
- 3:16—“With thankfulness”
- 3:17—“Giving thanks”

Romans 5:1-2

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (ESV)



Let the Word of Christ Dwell

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (16)

Dwell (enoikeō)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- To take up residence. To live or dwell in.

Two Evidences

ROOTED IN CHRIST

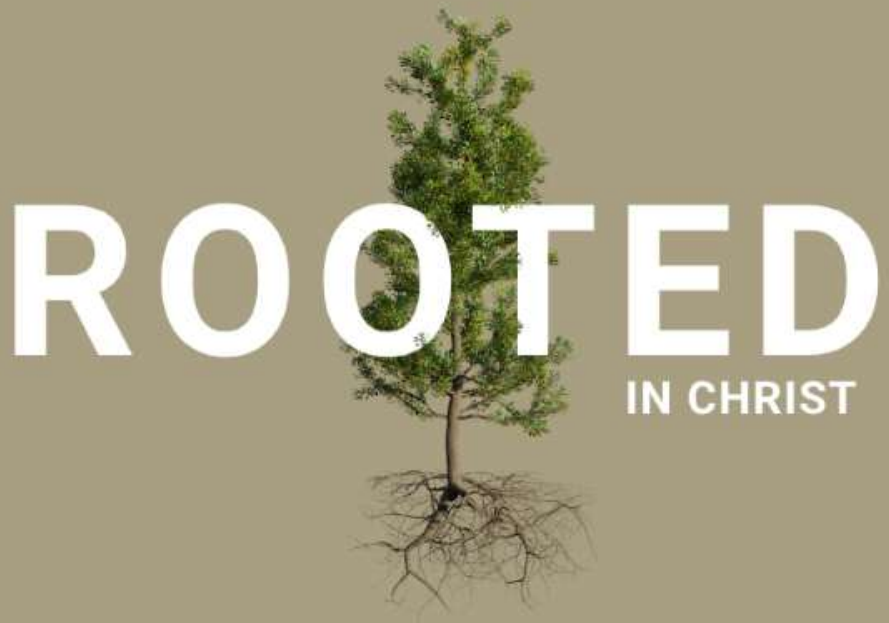
- **We are to teach and admonish one another in all wisdom**

  “Put on then … compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other … And above all these put on love” (Col 3:12-14, ESV)

Two Evidences

ROOTED IN CHRIST

- We are to teach and admonish one another in all wisdom
- **We are to Sing** …
  - **Psalms** (accompanied by stringed instrument)
  - **Hymns** (Scripture set to music), and,
  - **Spiritual songs** (songs with spiritual meaning),
- With thankfulness in your hearts to God



Let the Name of Christ Guide You

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (17)

The Name "Christian"

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- "In Antioch the disciples were first called Christians." (Acts11:26)

- "And Agrippa said to Paul, 'In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?'" (Acts 26:28)

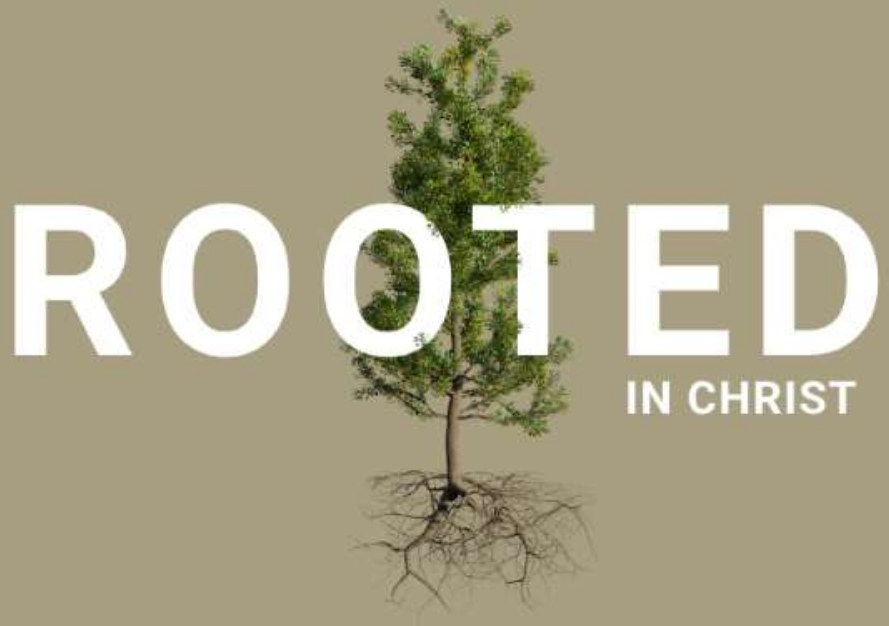
- "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name." (1 Peter 4:16)

A "Jesus Man"

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

"Years ago, I was leading the Children's Special Mission … As I approached a little fellow, he caught sight of me and said, 'Mummie, here comes that JESUS man.' He only meant that I was the man who spoke about Jesus, but his remark meant far more to my heart that day. What right had I … to be called a JESUS man? What degree of resemblance is there?"

—Guy King



Christ's Rule & Residence

No Christ, No Peace
Know Christ, Know Peace

Next Steps

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- I will allow Christ's peace to rule my life even amidst adversity.
- I will allow Christ's peace to be lived out in my relationships.
- I will immerse myself in God's Word and allow it to dwell in me.
- I will strive to wear the name of Christ well as I demonstrate thankfulness.