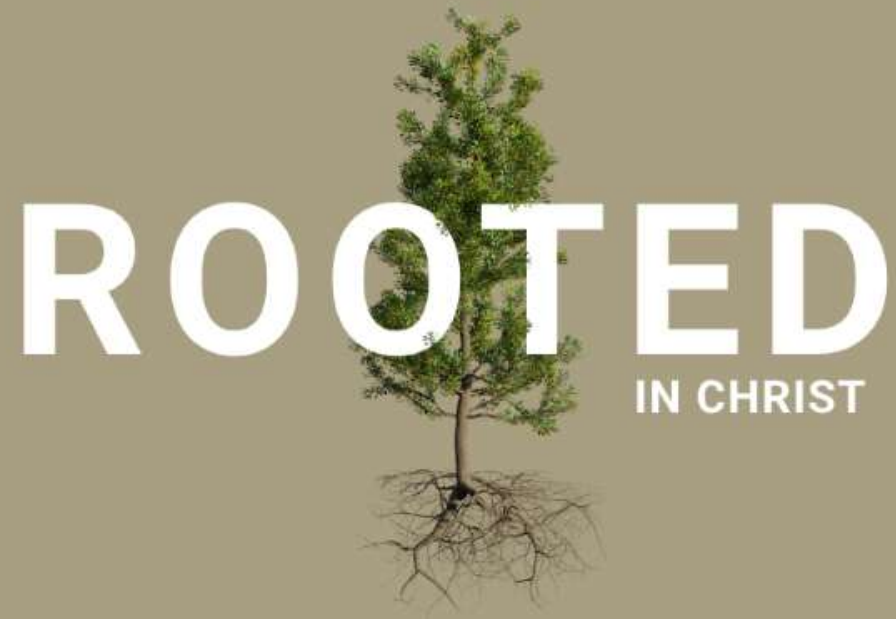




Giving Thanks

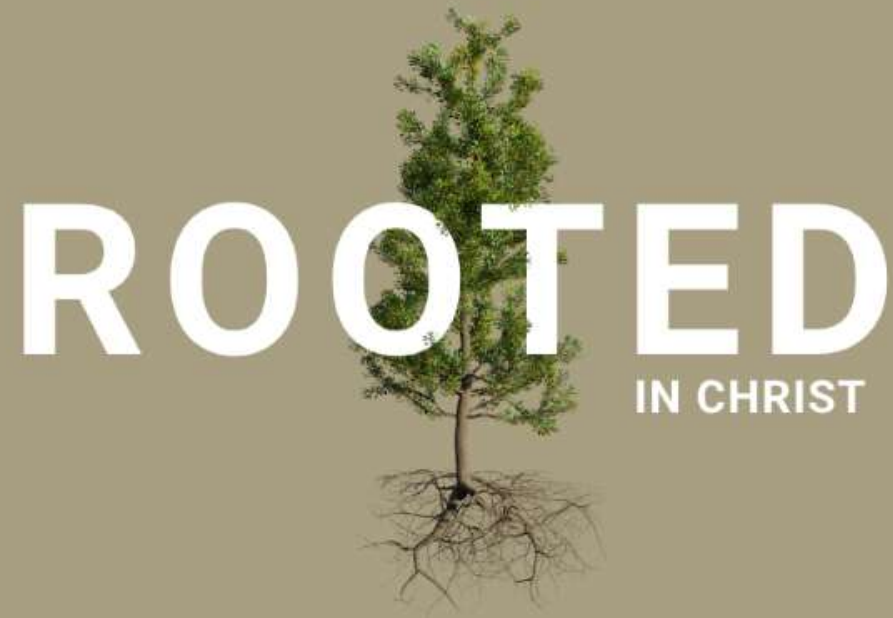
Colossians 1:12-14

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ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

(ESV)



God Has Qualified Us

“Giving thanks to the
Father, who has
qualified you to share
in the inheritance of
the saints in light” (1:12)

Qualified (*hikanoō*)

- Literally, “Made you fit.”
- Root word: to meet the conditions, to be authorized.
 - Used 3 times in the New Testament—here and twice in _____?

1. Who qualified us?

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Giving thanks to the father who has qualified
you ...”
(Col 1:12, ESV)

2 Corinthians 3:5

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Not that we are sufficient (qualified) in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.” (ESV)

It's not by our own righteousness ROOTED IN CHRIST

“As it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one’ ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
(Rom 3:10, 23, ESV)

It's not by our own effort/works

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

(Eph 2:8-9, ESV)

It is because of Jesus Christ

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

(Titus 3:4-7, ESV)

2. Qualified for what?

ROOTED
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“To share in the inheritance of the saints.”

(ESV)

Inheritance (*klēros*)

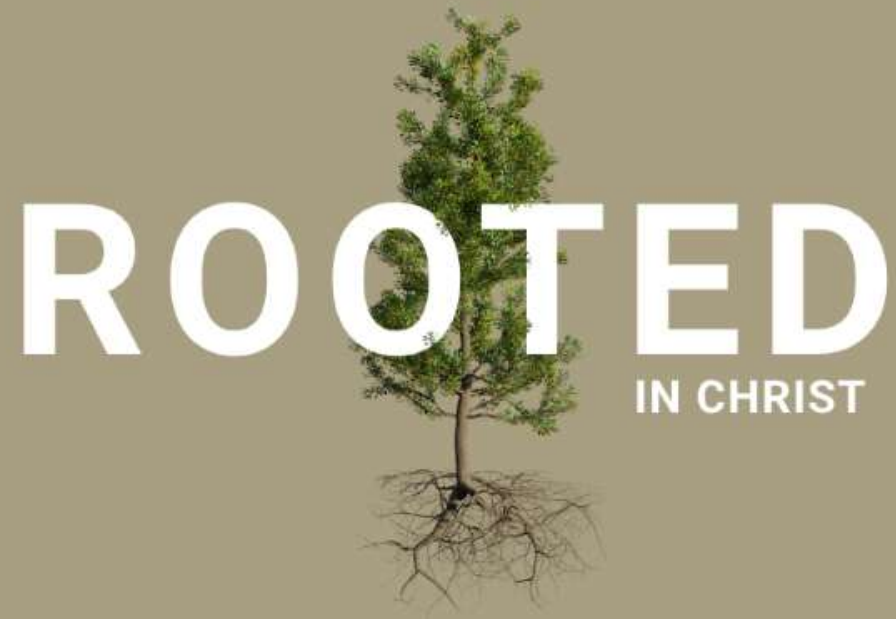
ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- Portion, share, lot
 - A difficult phrase to translate
 - Literally, “for a part of the lot of the saints.”

1 Peter 1:3-4

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” (ESV)



God Has Delivered Us

“He has delivered us
from the domain of
darkness” (13)

Delivered (*rhyomai*)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- To save, rescue, or deliver

Delivered from where?

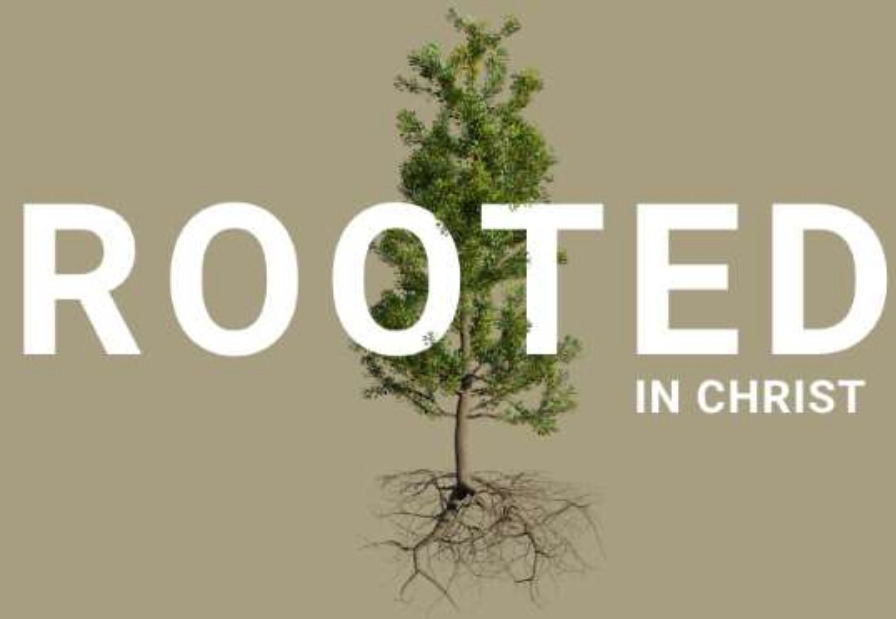
ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“He has delivered us from the domain of
darkness.” (1:13, ESV)

Acts 26:17-18

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” (ESV)



God Has Transferred Us

“... and transferred us
to the kingdom of his
beloved Son” (13)

Transferred (*methistēmi*)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- A negative word of release: you have been released from something bad.
- Literally, “to remove from, to be discharged, or turned away from a bad place to a good place”
 - To be moved from an inferior place to a superior one
 - To move to a new and better residence

Redemption (*apolytrōsis*)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- To buy back. To set free. Release. Pardon.
 - “The wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23, ESV)
 - Jesus paid the price that was due, the debt we owed

Forgiveness (*aphesis*)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- To send away, cancel, forgive

Ephesians 1:7

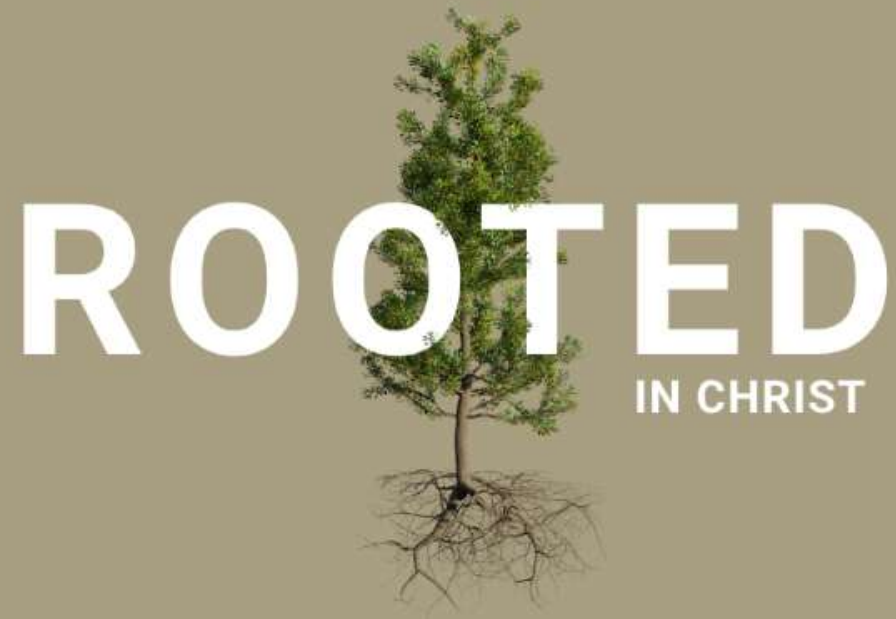
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“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.” (ESV)

1 John 2:2

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” (ESV)



Our Response

“Giving thanks to the
Father” (12)

God wants to bestow on you ...

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- Forgiveness
- Mercy/Grace

Psalm 107:1-2

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.” (ESV)

Beautiful Benefits

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

He has ...

- Qualified us to share an inheritance
- Delivered us from Satan's dominion and made us his children
- Transferred us into his eternal kingdom
- Redeemed us and bought our freedom from sin and judgment
- Forgiven us all our sins

Luke 17:12-16

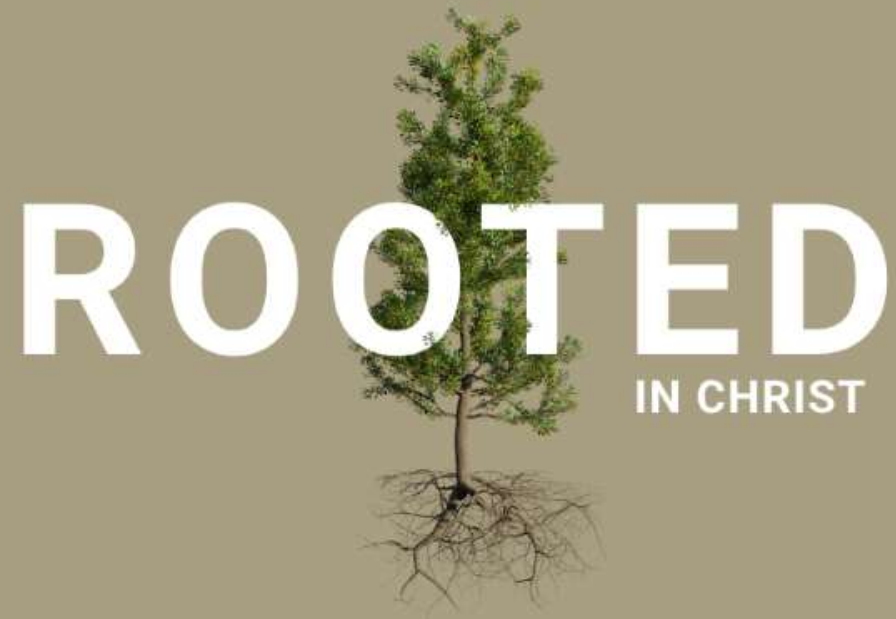
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“As he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.’ When he saw them he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks.” (ESV)

Luke 17:17-18

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” (ESV)



Giving Thanks (*eucharisteō*)

We must respond by
giving thanks for all
that God has done

Next steps

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

I will pledge to live...

- **A Thankful Life** – giving God the praise he deserves for who he is and what he has done.
- **A Changed Life** – walking in a manner worthy of the gospel.
- **A Shared Life** – letting others know about what God has done for us.