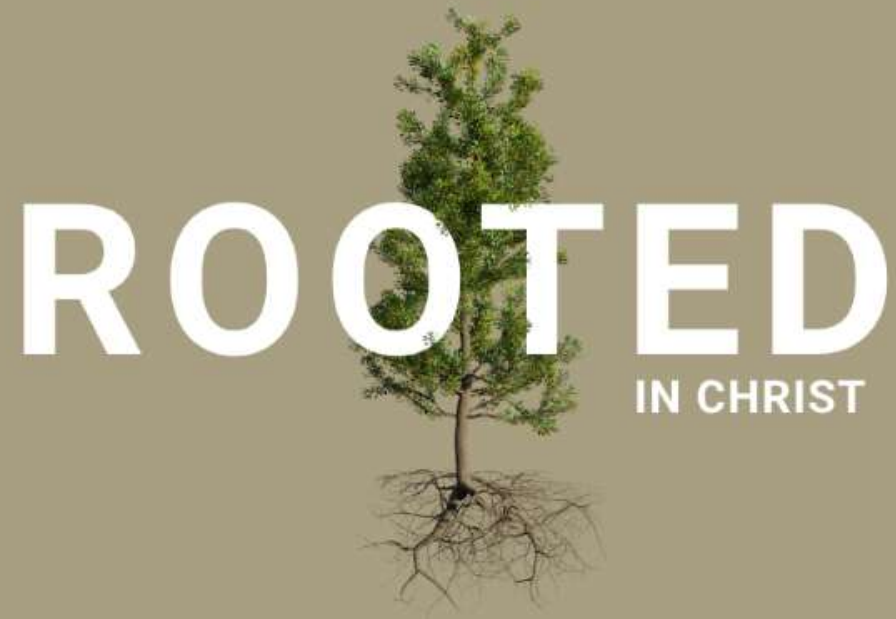




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Colossians 2:13-15

Who is Jesus?

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- He is the image of the invisible God (1:15)
- He is head (firstborn) over all creation (1:15)
- All things were created through him and for him (1:16)
- He was before all things (1:17)
- In him all things hold together (1:17)
- He is head of the church (1:18)
- In him we find the fullness of God (1:19; 2:9)

What Jesus does for us? He ... **ROOTED** IN CHRIST

- Reconciles us (1:20, 21)
- Makes peace by the blood of his cross (1:20)
- Presents us holy, blameless, and above reproach (1:22)
- Buries us in baptism (2:12)
- Raises us to new life (2:12)
- Makes us alive in him (2:13)

Colossians 2:9-12

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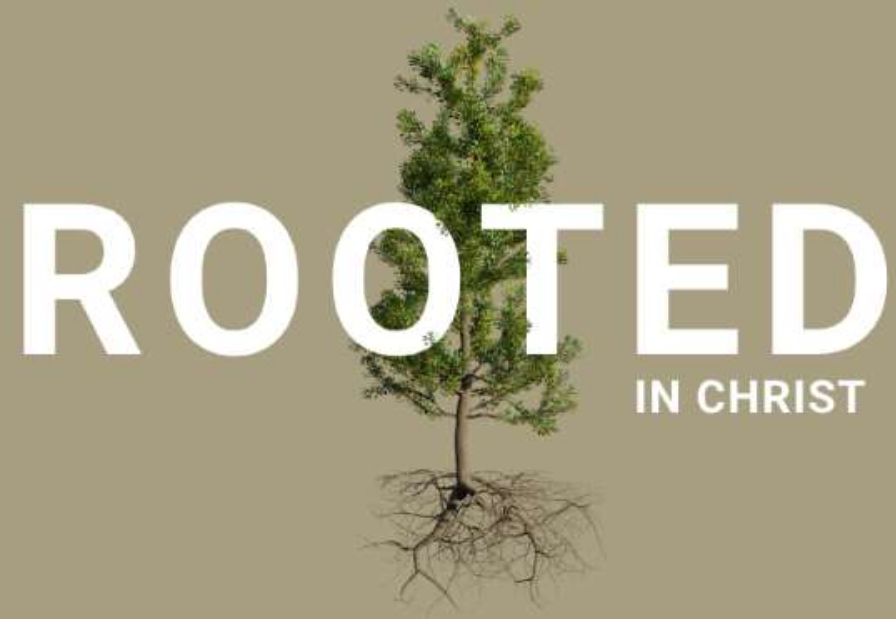
“For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands ... having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.”

(ESV)

Colossians 2:13-15

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IN CHRIST

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.” (ESV)



He Cancelled the Record of Debt

“By canceling the
record of debt that
stood against us with
its legal demand” (14)

Record of Debt *(cheirographon) **ROOTED** IN CHRIST

A certificate of indebtedness, a bond signed by the debtor, a note acknowledging debt and the obligation to pay.

*Used only once in the Bible

Romans 6:23; 3:10-11, 23

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- “For the wages of sin is death” (ESV)
- “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (ESV)

John 19:16-18, 28-30

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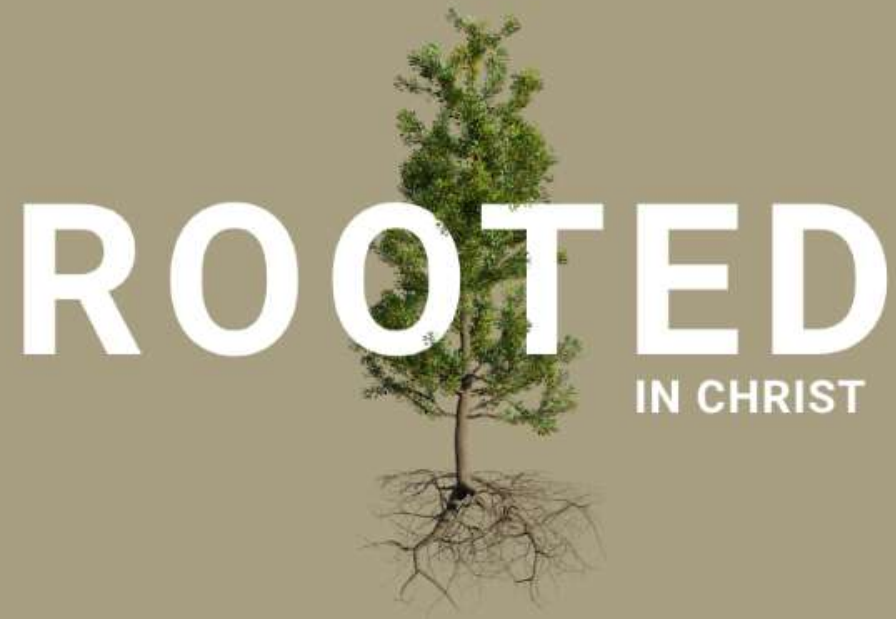
“So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them ... Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said ... ‘It is finished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” (ESV)

“It is finished” (tetelestai)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

Finished, complete, accomplished.

- The word carried powerful weight across many different areas of daily life.
 - Military—when battle had been fully won and victory was secured.
 - Business/finance—stamped across receipts when bill was fully paid.
 - Legal system—when a convicted criminal had fully served their prison sentence.



He Nailed it to
the Cross

“He took it away,
nailing it to the cross”
(14)

Nailed (prosēloō)

- To nail to, affix to.

John 19:19

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.’”
(ESV)

Galatians 3:13

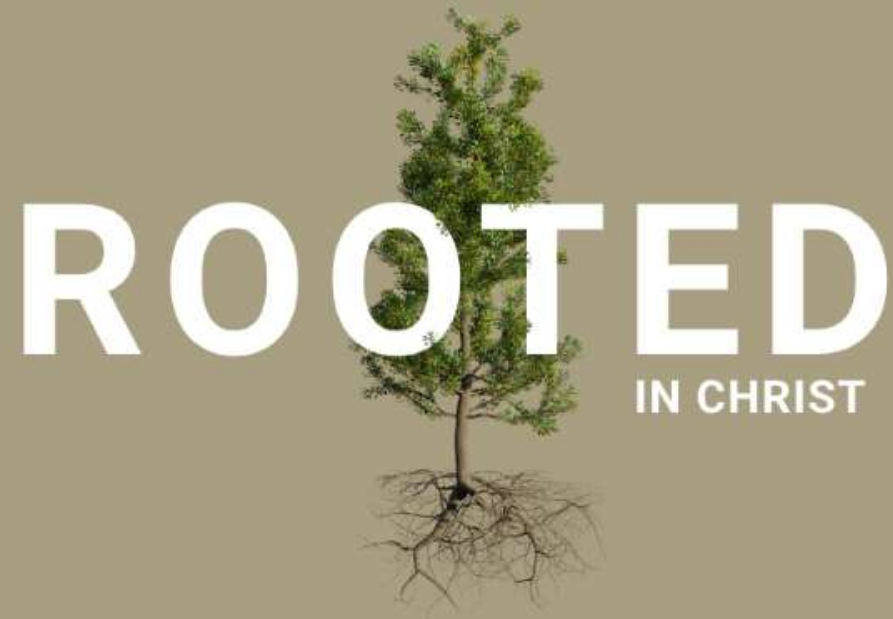
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“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree’”
(ESV)

Isaiah 53:4-6

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (ESV)



He Disarmed
the Rulers and
Authorities

“He disarmed the
rulers and authorities”
(15)

Disarmed (apekdyomai)

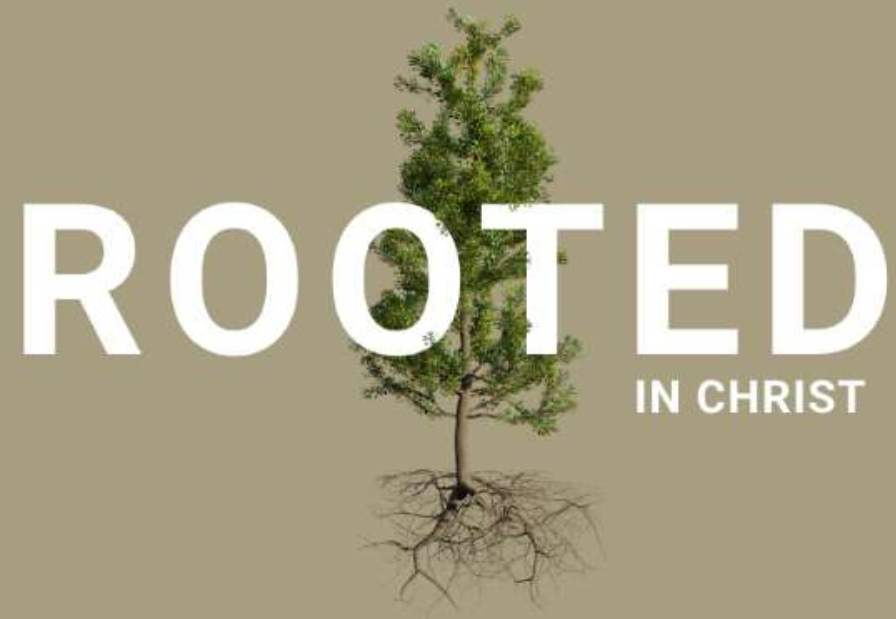
ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- To cast off, to strip off
 - Used only 2x, both in Colossians (2:15; 3:9)

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Death is swallowed up in victory. ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (ESV)



He Triumphed
Over Them
by the Cross

“He put them to open
shame, by triumphing
over them in him” (15)

Triumph (thriameuo)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- To march in a triumphal procession. A victory cortege
- Used 2X.

J.B. Lightfoot

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“The paradox of the crucifixion is amazing.
Triumph in helplessness—glory in shame.”

John Calvin

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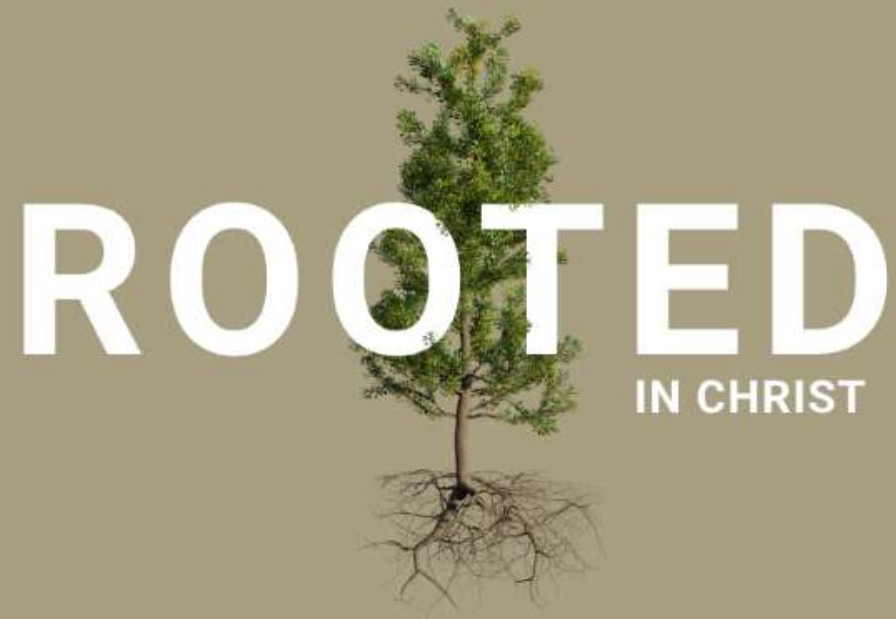
“There is no tribunal so magnificent, no throne so stately, no show of triumph so distinguished, no chariot so elevated, as is the gibbet on which Christ has subdued death and the devil, nay more, has utterly trodden them under his feet.”

In Christ Alone

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“In Christ alone, I place my trust, and find my glory in the power of the cross. In every victory, let it be said of me, my source of strength, my source of hope, is Christ alone.”

—Shawn Craig and Don Koch



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Salvation is in Christ
alone, and it is in Him
we must place our
trust as Savior and
Lord

Colossians 2:13-14

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

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Next steps

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

I will give generously to help others learn about how Jesus paid the ultimate debt for us.