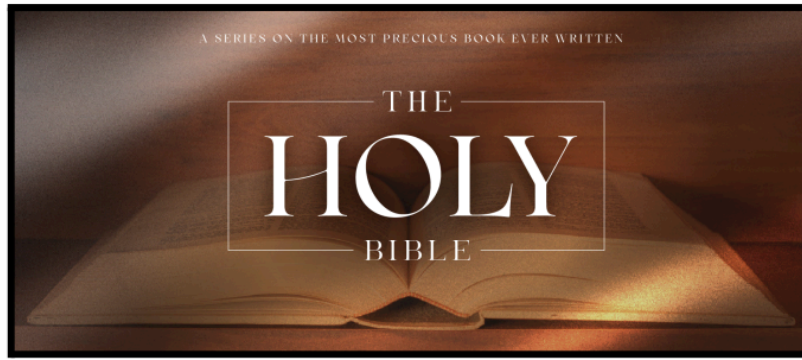




THE HOLY BIBLE

WEEK 3 - LIVE IN HIM

Key Passage: Colossians 2:6–7

Icebreaker

What is something you started that was easy or exciting in the beginning, but required intentionality and commitment to continue?

- Receiving Christ is a beginning, not the finish line.

Romans 10:9 tells us what it means to receive Christ:

Colossians 2:6–7 tells us what comes next:

“Continue to live your lives in Him.”

1. FROM SAVED TO ROOTED

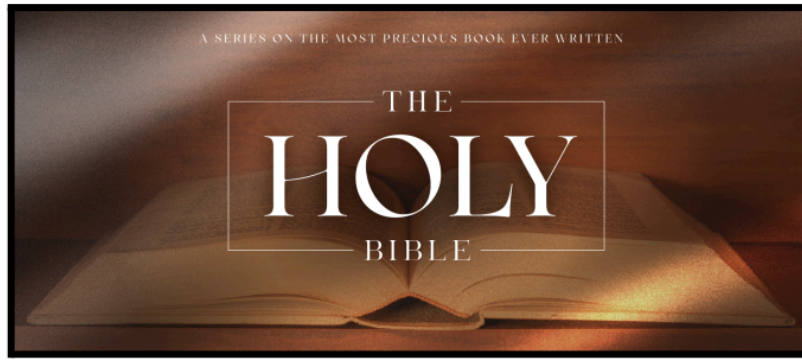
Read Colossians 2:6–7

The Christian life isn't simply about being **saved from something**.

It's about being **rooted in Someone**.

Paul uses the imagery of a tree:

- Roots provide stability.
- Roots provide nourishment.
- Roots determine strength.



- You don't see most of the roots, but they determine what happens above the ground.

Discussion

1. What do you think it means to be “rooted” in Christ?
 2. What are some things people can become rooted in besides Christ?
 3. How can you tell what someone is truly rooted in?
 4. What's the difference between someone who has simply “received Christ” and someone who is actively “living in Christ”?
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2. THE BIG LIE

“The Big Lie in church today is that you're nothing more than ‘just a sinner saved by grace.’” - John Eldredge *Wild at Heart*:

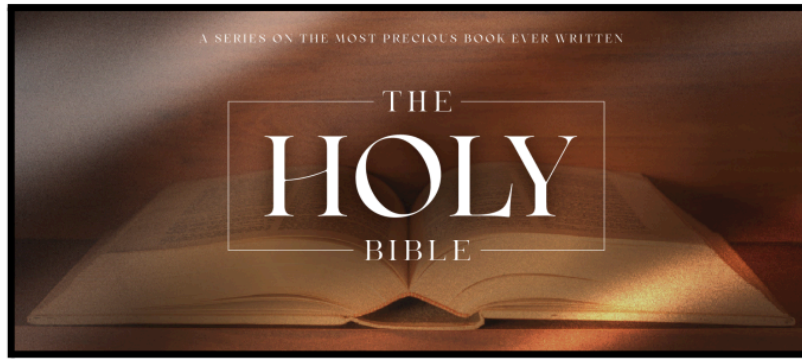
The point isn't that we should minimize sin or our need for grace.

The danger is allowing our identity to stop at:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Discussion

1. What's the difference between saying, “I'm just a sinner,” and saying, “I am a new creation who still needs God's grace”?
 2. How can our understanding of our identity affect the way we live?
 3. What does it look like practically to live from the identity of a “new creation”?
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3. WE FIGHT FROM VICTORY

Read Colossians 2:6–7 again.

The Christian life takes place in the middle of an **invisible war**.

We don't fight FOR victory. We fight FROM victory.

Discussion

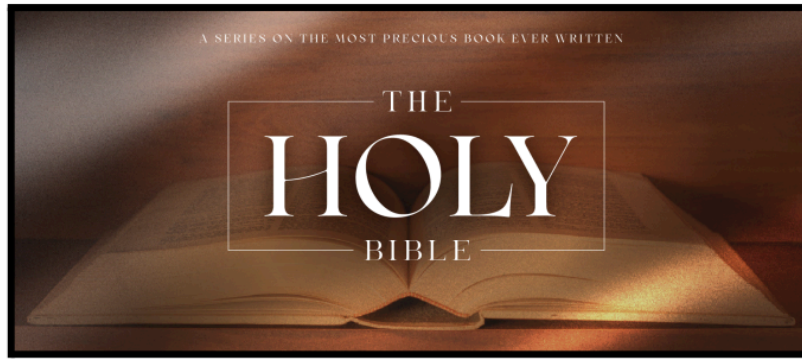
1. What is the difference between fighting *for* victory and fighting *from* victory?
 2. How could believing that Christ has already won change the way you respond to temptation, fear, failure, or spiritual opposition?
 3. Why is it important to respect the reality of spiritual warfare without living in fear of it?
 4. Where are you currently experiencing the most pressure to compromise your walk with Christ?
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4. HOW YOU WALK

Read Colossians 2:6

Your walk is your:

- Decisions
- Habits
- Relationships
- Priorities
- Integrity
- Actions
- Daily choices



Discussion

- 1. If someone followed you around for a week, what would your “walk” reveal about what you value?**
 - 2. Where do your daily habits currently reflect your relationship with Jesus?**
 - 3. Where might there be a disconnect between what you say you believe and how you actually live?**
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5. HOW YOU TALK

Read Matthew 12:33–37

Discussion

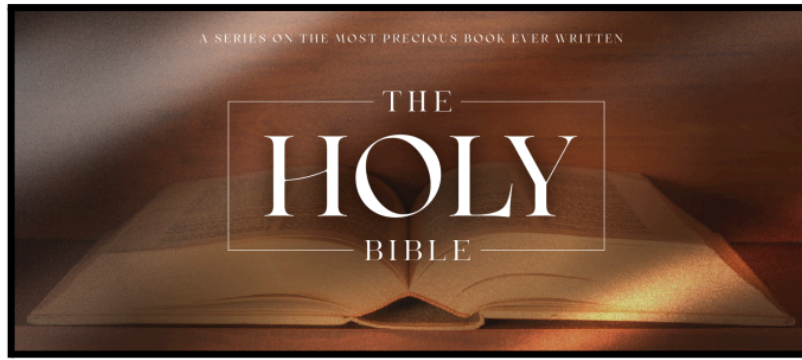
- 1. What do your words reveal about what is currently happening in your heart?**
 - 2. Why is it easier to control our words temporarily than to actually allow God to transform the heart behind our words?**
 - 3. What kinds of situations tend to bring out the worst in your speech?**
 - 4. How can our speech either build up or tear down the people around us?**
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6. HOW YOU THINK

Read Colossians 2:6–7

Being rooted in Christ eventually affects more than what we **do** and what we **say**.

It changes how we **think**.



Our thoughts influence:

Beliefs → Attitudes → Words → Actions

Discussion

1. What thoughts most commonly pull you away from trusting God?
 2. How can Scripture challenge unhealthy or untrue thoughts?
 3. Why is changing our thinking often more difficult than changing an outward behavior?
 4. What would it look like to “take every thought captive” and bring it under the authority of Christ?
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WALK • TALK • THINK

Bring the three ideas together:

Area	Question
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WALK	What am I doing?
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TALK	What am I saying?
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THINK	What am I believing?
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