

## Rooted

January 28, 2024

- Psalms 92:12-14
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-15
- Development of a focus
  - God's grace reaching more and more people
  - God receiving more and more glory
- How can we get there? – by Flourishing
- Flourish – Defined
  - To be in a vigorous state, to thrive
  - At one's prime, at the height of fame, excellence, influence
- Psalm 1:1-3
  - Why beside the riverbank?
  - Roots receiving both nutrients and water

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- Colossians 2:1-10
- Start back with Colossians 1:28-29
  - Teaching with wisdom from God
  - Present you to God – complete, mature, perfected
  - Work hard empowered by Christ
- Working toward this kind of completion
  - Confident understanding of Christ himself
  - Having the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge
  - So no one can deceive you
    - Well crafted arguments
    - Empty philosophies
    - High-sounding nonsense
    - From human thinking and spiritual powers
  - Psalm 1:1-2 (NLT) — 1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. 2 But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.
- Let your roots grow down
  - Just as you accepted Jesus, continue to follow him
  - Your lives built on him
  - Faith grow strong in the truth
  - Overflow with thankfulness
  - Complete through your union with Christ

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- Ephesians 3:14-21
  - From his glorious unlimited resources – empowered with inner strength through his Spirit
  - Christ at home in your hearts as you trust in him
  - Roots grow down into God's love and keep you strong
  - Power to understand the breadth of God's love
  - Experience what you can't understand – the love of Christ
  - Then complete with all the fulness of life and power that comes from God
- Able to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think
- According to his power within us
- Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus
- 2 Corinthians 4:15 All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.
- For ever and ever
- Be rooted in him, his love, his word, his Spirit
- Bearing fruit in every season - prospering