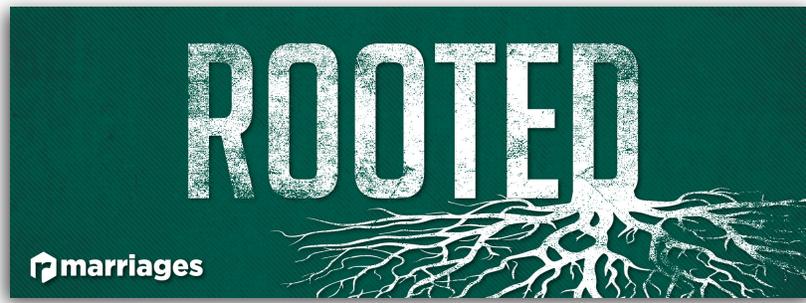


STUDY
COMPANION
WEEK FIVE

"HOLY & BLAMELESS"



MEMORY VERSE:

"In the same way husbands
should love their wives as their
own bodies. He who loves his
wife loves himself."

EPHESIANS 5:28

MESSAGE NOTES & VERSES

WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE THIS WEEK TO APPLY WHAT YOU LEARNED?

OUR PRAYERS



Who We Are Before Christ

Before Christ, we were spiritually dead, separated from God, and without identity. We were not merely flawed or imperfect-according to Scripture, we were dead in sin, under the power of darkness, and enemies of God (Romans 5:10). As described in 1 Peter 2:10, we were “not a people, “having no standing or belonging in God’s kingdom. We were spiritually lifeless-like walking, breathing corpses-without hope, without purpose, and without access to divine life.

We were enslaved to sin, ruled by the “prince of the power of air” (Ephesians 2:2), and destined for eternal separation from God. As the bible says, we were “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), not by accident, but by nature. This is not judgement of personal failure, but a declaration of our condition apart from Christ-lost, helpless, and hopeless.

Yet, in His infinite mercy, God saw us even in that state. Before we existed, He chose us in Christ (Ephesians 1:4) Before the world was formed, He planned our redemption. The good new is that our identity before Christ was not final-it was the starting point for a radical transformation. Though we were dead, He made us alive in Christ. Though we were strangers, He adopted us as His children. Though we were without hope, He gave us eternal life.

This truth should humble us but also set us free. Our past identity is not our present destiny. We are not defined by what we were-but by what Christ has made us.

“If you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.”

Colossians 1:23

