

The Root of Everything

Rooted | Part 1 | Colossians 1:15-2:5

INTRODUCTION

Storms are coming. They are an inevitable part of life. And when storms hit, only what's rooted on the rock will remain standing. This series isn't about looking religious. It's not about behavior management or surface-level growth. This series is about strengthening what lies beneath the surface: your root system. Because the truth is, if you aren't deeply rooted in Christ, you will collapse in a moment of crisis. We live in a world that values speed over depth, image over integrity, and influence over intimacy with God. But the reality is, shallow roots create fragile faith. And that isn't the kind of faith that God has called us to. Over the next several weeks, we're going to dig deep into the gospel, into your soul, and into the soil of the Word because God isn't calling us to a surface-level Christianity. He's calling us to be rooted in Him.

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KEY POINTS

1. Christ's Position: He Reigns Over Creation

Paul begins by declaring that Jesus is “the image of the invisible God.” The Greek word here is *eikon*, meaning exact imprint or perfect representation. What that means is Jesus isn’t like God; Jesus is God. Hebrews 1:3 confirms this: “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being.” He’s not a reflection. He’s the revelation.

Paul goes on to say Jesus is the “firstborn over all creation.” That word firstborn does not mean Jesus was created. It means He is supreme in rank and authority. He holds the title deed of the universe. Paul says all things were created by Him, through Him, and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together.

Jesus holds all things together, so He can hold you together. You may feel like your life is falling apart, but the hands that keep the cosmos from unraveling are the same hands that hold you in your deepest, darkest seasons. When you feel unstable and unsure, remember you can look to the One who spoke Saturn into orbit and stitched together the very fabric of your soul. He's not overwhelmed by your situation. He reigns over all creation.

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2. Christ's Purpose: He Reconciles the Fallen

Paul now moves from Christ as Cosmic Creator to Christ as Covenant Redeemer. He says Jesus is the head of the body, the church. The church does not belong to a denomination or a pastor or a board of directors. The church has one Head, one Chief Shepherd, one Cornerstone, and His name is Jesus.

Verse 20 says that through Jesus, God reconciled all things to Himself by making peace through His blood shed on the cross. The word reconcile means to restore what was broken, and what was broken was us. Sin didn't just make us bad; it made us dead. Jesus didn't come to make bad people better. He came to make dead people live.

The cross wasn't exclusively intended to make you better; the cross was intended to make you belong. The wall that separated us from God wasn't made of concrete; it was built by sin, and we couldn't tear it down. But Jesus did. If Jesus reconciled you, you are no longer at odds with God. God doesn't love some future version of you. He loves you now.

3. Christ's Presence: He Lives in Us

Paul now shifts from who Christ is to what Christ has called him to do. Writing from prison, he says, “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you.” He isn’t bitter. He’s rejoicing because if his suffering helps the church grow in Christ, it’s worth it. His mission is to make the Word of God fully known.

Then Paul reveals the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to the saints: Christ in you, the hope of glory. The presence of God no longer lives in a building or a temple; it lives in you. This is the doctrine of union with Christ. If you are in Christ, when God looks at you, He no longer sees your sin and shortcomings; He sees the righteousness of His Son.

There are a lot of people trying to live the Christian life by faking it until they make it. They dress the part, say the right things, and serve in the right places, but they're exhausted because they're doing it in their own strength. But if you are in Christ, you don't have to fake it. When Jesus moves in, He brings power, presence, and purpose. You're living from a new source because Christ lives in you.

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4. Christ's People: We Proclaim Him Boldly

Paul says, “We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” This wasn’t a job for Paul. It was his calling. Jesus isn’t just worthy to be known. He’s worthy to be proclaimed.

If Christ is alive in you, the world should see Him through you. Parents, proclaim Him to your kids. Students, proclaim Him with your lives. Employees, proclaim Him through your work ethic and your witness. Every area of your life becomes a platform for proclaiming the story of the One who saved you.

You may feel unseen, unused, or unfruitful right now. Like bamboo that grows unseen for years before explosive growth, God may be developing your root system beneath the surface. Instead of measuring your fruit, trust your root. Where are your roots today? Jesus is the root of everything, and if He's your root, you will bear fruit.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What evidence do you see in your life that shows what you are truly rooted in?
2. Which aspect of Christ (His reign, His reconciliation, or His presence) stood out to you most, and why?
3. What would it look like for you to more intentionally proclaim Christ through your everyday life this week?