

# rooted

sermon notes

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## The Focus of a Rooted Life

When your focus is on Jesus above,  
you live in a new way down here below

1. Intentionally focus your head and heart where Jesus is

*Colossians 3:1-4*

To be rescued is based on receiving what Jesus did for you

- we call this salvation

To become more like Jesus is the expectation once you've been rescued and continues to take place due to a partnership that you engage with God

- we call this sanctification or discipleship

A way to understand the second half of Colossians - now that you've received the Gospel, this is how you live between being included in God's family and arriving safely at home!

2. You are to take an active role in renouncing your old nature

*Colossians 3:5-8*

*Romans 8:1-13*

It won't be thru rigorous self-denial that we "keep putting to death" the flesh, but by the indwelling work and power of the Holy Spirit

"You know that you are becoming more like Jesus as you recognize your want-to's are reflecting what He wants."

*Pastor Frank Mercer*

*Romans 1:18*

3. Your new clothes look a lot like what God intended

*Colossians 3:9-11*

*Genesis 1:26-27*

What an awesome story of redemption - God is making us new, giving us a new self that actually resembles our "original selves" that He designed us to be

### Now What?

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## home group notes

Week of October 7

Rooted #6: The Focus of a Rooted Life

In Home Groups, we focus together on being “Rooted in Jesus and Reaching our worlds.” If you are interested in joining a Home Group, please apply on our website.



### Share It

Get to know one another

What was the focus of your life when you were 17? How did this affect your behavior?



### Study the Word

Questions to help learn from the Bible

This letter first focused on who Jesus is and what it means to receive Christ. Now it focuses on how those rescued can live like Jesus. Read Colossians 3:1-11.

How does Paul begin this passage on how to live like Jesus? Why start there? What promises are implied? (3:1-4)

What behavior belongs to our “earthly nature” or “old self?” How are these interconnected

What kinds of changes come with being the “new self?” What is the goal or standard?

According to this passage, what is involved in the process of this lifestyle change?



### Discuss Together

Conversations about application

What might it mean to keep setting our hearts and minds on things above? How does it affect our daily lives? Our dreams? (3:1-4)

How would people recognize that “Christ is our life?” (3:4-11)

The “old self - new self” position change is to be followed by an “old self - new self” lifestyle. How does this happen? What is God’s part and what is our part?



### Pray

Suggestions for this week

- For one another in your group
- For your adopted global workers
- For people you want to see receive Christ



### Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Each morning, wake up and say, “Christ is my life” and see how this affects your day. (From 3:4)