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Colossians: Rooted in Christ

Rooted Prayer

Colossians 1:3-8

Colossians calls believers to root our lives in Jesus Christ. One of those roots is prayer. A believer's life should be characterized by constant communication with God. While prayer is not a formulaic conversation, there are some aspects of prayer that believers should incorporate into their prayer life.

Additional Verses:

Jeremiah 32:17

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Romans 5:4-5

1 Corinthians 13:13

Galatians 4:1-7

Ephesians 2:12-13

1 Peter 1:4-5

Hebrews 6:11-12

1 John 3:1

Outline:

1. Prayer directed to God the Father.

2. Prayer motivated by thankfulness.

3. Prayer formed by the triad of graces.

Study Questions:

1. What is the normative Biblical model for prayer? How does this help us understand the activity of each person of the Trinity when we pray?

2. How is thankfulness a heart posture? How does thankfulness act as a protective spiritual barrier? What are some things you are thankful for in your life?

3. What is the difference between general and specific faith? How is Jesus the sphere in which believers live their lives?

4. How does love bind everything together? How is this a supernatural love given by the Holy Spirit?

5. How does hope stimulate faith and love? How is hope a marker of being in Christ?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?