



Colossians: Week 5 – Rooted in the Gospel

As human beings, we have a deep curiosity about the meaning of life. How did we get here? Why are we here? How are we to behave here? What's beyond here? This is ultimately what's at the core of every human quest. We've looked for answers in science, in religion, and in philosophy. But according to the Apostle Paul, it's no mystery. The answer to all of these questions is found in Jesus. And when we are rooted in the gospel it gives us a framework for life that allows us to live in freedom and adventure.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever tried to grow anything, like a plant or a garden or grass? Were you successful? Why or why not?
2. Read **Colossians 1:28-2:15**
3. Paul emphasizes the importance of maturity in Christ in **1:28-29**. What does maturity in Christ mean to you? How do you think we can measure or assess our maturity as believers?
4. Shawn talked about a transactional relationship versus a transformational relationship with Jesus. What are some ways we make our relationship transactional and how can we avoid it?
5. How does the gospel answer life's biggest questions (see the paragraph above)? How should this shape our lives? What does being rooted and established in our faith do for us (**2:7**)?
6. Paul warns against being led astray by philosophy, empty deceit, and human tradition (**2:8**). Can you think of any specific examples of these things impacting the beliefs or behaviors of Christians today?
7. As you think about Jesus disarming the rulers and authorities (**2:15**), what does this mean in our practical day-to-day lives? Do you feel like you walk in that victory? Why or why not?