**Supreme** *(Graphic)*

(Colossians 1:21-23)

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has **reconciled** you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—**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 2:6-7)

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, **continue** to live your lives in him, **rooted and built up in him**, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with **thankfulness**.”

**Being Rooted in Christ**

(Ephesians 3:17)

“so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, **being rooted and established in love**, may have power,”

(Mark 4:14-15)

“The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the **path**, where the word is sown. **As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word** that was sown in them.”

1. Paths of **hardened hearts**.

(Mark 4:16-17)

“Others, like seed sown on **rocky places**, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. **But since they have no root, they last only a short time**. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quicky fall away.”

1. Rocks in the **hidden life**.

(Mark 4:18-19)

“Still others, like seed sown among **thorns**, hear the word; but the worries of life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.”

1. Thorns of life’s **distractions**.

(Mark 4:20)

“Others, like seed sown on **good soil**, hear the word, accept it, and **produce a crop**—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

(Colossians 2:6-7)

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Being rooted in Christ is the **continued work** of the Christian life.