

St Martins C3 – July 19, 2026

Rooted - Significance

Sermon Notes:

Read Colossians 2:6-7

In this series, we are focussing on how the book of Colossians helps us solve unmet needs in our lives. Today, we look at significance. This is the need we have to know that we matter. To know that we are people of value.

The majority of human activity, beyond survival, is trying to fill the deep need for significance.

The work activity, wealth accumulation, friend approvals, sexual exploits, and success accomplishments are mostly people's way of trying to meet their deep need for significance. Yet, the book of Colossians reveals that we look for significance in all the wrong places.

Read Colossians 2:8-23

If you have experienced Jesus is Lord, then you do not need to be completed by any other system, power, philosophy, or action. Add no more. You have it all in Jesus.

Yet, others in Colossae maintained that believing in Jesus was just level one. Add circumcision, following religious rituals, aestheticism (look it up), angelic visions, and pointless moral rules if you want to be good enough.

Those who weren't good enough were condemned, put on a seat of judgement in a courtroom. Paul says boo to that way of thinking. He tells them that their value comes only from Christ. He is the one who makes them significant.

There are three boxes that people try to tick, to prove that they are significant.

- Applause (what others think of us)
- Achievement (what we do)
- Assignment (the useful role we play)

There are two problems with this way of doing things. Number one, you are putting yourself on the seat of judgement. Number two, it never stops. Even if you try and tick these boxes, you can never fully prove that you are significant.

If you want to know you're worth something, then you need to dig your roots deep into Jesus! Knowing Jesus gives you greater significance than you could ever find elsewhere. He has chosen you, and that adds more value to your life than anything ever could.

Read Colossians 2:13-15

Many Christians have accepted Jesus as their Saviour but haven't accepted His verdict about their worth. Here's the process. 1 – Identify the times you put yourself on the judgment seat, 2 – Repent, 3 – Remind yourself of your worth in Christ. He has removed the seat of judgement, and we can walk into life with the issue settled once and for all.

Questions for Connect Groups:

Key Point

We have value in Christ, so we don't need to find it elsewhere.

Questions

What stood out to you from this week's message?

What does this message tell you about God and humans?

The majority of human activity is trying to fill the deep need for significance. Do you agree or disagree?

How do you see the search for significance presented in others' lives?

Think about what it would be like to have each of applause, achievement, and assignment taken away. How would it affect you? Now take all three away, how would you feel?

Could you explain to someone else how the gospel can transform our sense of significance? How much do you experience that transformed sense of significance?

How does Christ complete you in a way applause, achievement and assignment never can?

How can applying this daily process help: 1) Identify times you judge yourself, 2) Repent, 3) Remind yourself of your worth in Christ, 4) Stand firm in it?

Pray that God would give you what you need to enable you to develop a true sense of significance in Him.

Monday Devotion: The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness

The Freedom of Self Forgetfulness is a brilliant short book from Timothy Keller. [It is free here](#). I read it once every couple of years. In it, Keller looks at 1 Corinthians, showing that only the judgement of God matters. Explore that in these verses today.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:21-4:7

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Tuesday Devotion: Your Preciousness

Today, why not use the words of Psalm 139 in prayer? Ask God to show you your heart. Ask Him to show you the places you look for self-worth and the ways you try to find your sense of identity.

Scripture

Psalm 139

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Wednesday Devotion: A New Identity

Once we were lost in an old way of thinking. We were dead in our sins, and our minds reflected that way of thinking. But because of what Jesus has done, there is no condemnation any longer. We are children of God, called and chosen, and brought close to Him. It's time to embrace our new identity.

Scripture

Romans 8:1-17

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Thursday Devotion: Your Sins Are Forgiven

An attitude that can prevent us from receiving God's great forgiveness in our life is a sense of unworthiness to receive what He has done. Scripture is clear, we are unworthy, but God is gracious. Once our sin is forgiven we need never remember it.

Scripture

Colossians 1:21-23; Hebrews 10:17-18

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Friday Devotion: Approved by God

This week we have seen that we have an assignment as God's child and that our goodness doesn't determine our value.

Today, we see that we are approved by God. We have a wonderful new relationship with Him because of the work of Jesus.

Scripture

Romans 5:6-11

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)
