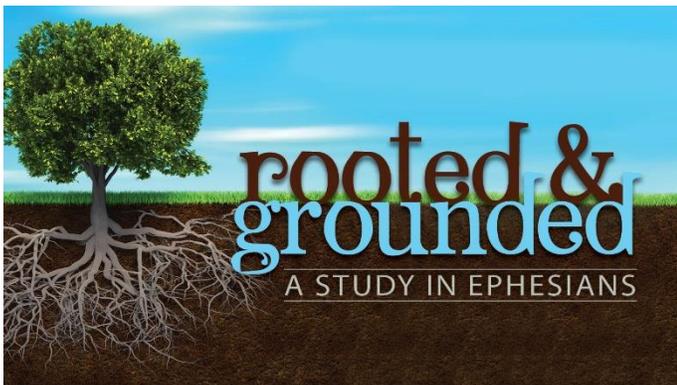




**Advent 2019 Sermon Series -
Welcomed & Awaiting The Son of Man**

Jesus' favorite title for himself was not "Messiah" or "Christ" or even "Savior", instead he chose to refer to himself over and over again as the "Son of Man". On the surface, it seems to be a demeaning label. It really was when you think about it! By using this title, Jesus was identifying with human beings in order to save them. He was lowering himself down so we would be lifted up. Jesus would restore us by becoming a man and turn the world upside down. This Advent we remember together this Man who already came down bringing all the joy, hope, peace, and love we so desperately need in this world. We also await together his eventual return as our ultimate restoration. Let us prepare ourselves together for the Son of Man.



Rooted & Grounded. A Study in Ephesians

One of the things we all love about living in East Texas is our trees! Trees grow strong because they are rooted and grounded deep into the soil. A tree needs to be rooted to receive the moisture and nutrients it requires to grow strong. A tree also needs to be grounded deep into the soil so it will be established even in the midst of wind and weather.

In the book of Ephesians, Paul teaches us how to be rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ so we may experience the power of the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead. This power creates a unified (though not uniform!) humanity who lives out what it means to be the kingdom of God on earth. Are you longing to show the world the hope of the gospel? To access the strength and stability of Father, Son and Spirit? Join us in Ephesians.