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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Colossians 2:6-15

The largest trees in the world grow in northern California. Some of these giant Sequoias are over 300 feet tall and more than 30 feet in diameter. Most trees have root systems roughly equal in size to their tops. But those of redwoods are surprising small and shallow. To survive and thrive, they grow closely together in groves. In clusters, their roots become interwoven. Only togetherness allows them to reach such massive proportions.

English makes no distinction between "you" referring to one person or to a group of people. In Greek, the apostle's call to continuous growth as Christians is clearly not just for a few Sequoia Saints. It is for "y'all" (2:6; see 1:5-14).

God provides all the spiritual resources we need to grow up "to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

But like Sequoias, we must embrace God's gift of the church. Our roots are too shallow to live alone. Together we are encouraged, intertwined, strengthened, and stabilized (see Romans 15:5-6).

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