

## **Rooted: Grow Deeper. Live Taller.**

### **Part 8 Life in Christ Col. 2:6-7**

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#### **Intro:**

- Last week the focus was on encouraging each other – that we would be knit together in love and understand all that we have in Christ – so that no one would delude you with plausible arguments – that we would be in good order and firmness in our faith in Christ
- There is a warning before and after today's passage of the possibility of being deceived
- Why this message matters – if you do what I tell you today, you will not wander away from Christ to be captured by the philosophies and traditions of the world springing from the den of the deceiver.
- If you do what I tell you today, you will finish your race as a good and faithful servant who receives your reward and not to the place where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

#### **Col 2:6-7**

**Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,**

#### **Receive Christ Jesus the Lord**

- Christ: the one who is sent / Revelation - of who Jesus is
- Jesus: the one who is savior / Humility – in your acknowledgement for your need of a savior
- The Lord: the one who is sovereign / Allegiance – to him as your king

#### **Rom 10:9-10 ESV**

**if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

- The founding fathers of our faith preached the “Lordship of Christ”. The word savior appears only 2 times in the book of acts while the term “Lord” is used 105 times
- The reason that we have so many cults and false religions is because they have a defective doctrines of Christ . . . the reason so many wander away from the faith is because of defective doctrines of Christ . . .

#### **Col 2:6-7**

**Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,**

#### **Walk in Him**

- This is active – an internal belief's outward expression
- When people see you, they see Him.
- Jesus said that he only did what he saw his father doing . . .
- **John 5:19**  
**So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.**
- Simon Says . . . and Jesus Says . . .
- **If you are not walking in him, you are not a follower of him.**

**Col 2:6-7**

**Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,**

**Be rooted, built up and established**

- in the faith – this is talking about your spiritual life
- Rooted – perfect tense – a once for all experience – being permanently rooted.
- Built up – present tense – a continual process – construction -
- Established – present tense – a continual process – well established – hard to move, functioning well
- So how does this happen? . . . by being taught
  - Continual learning – listening – living
  - Church participation is so important in growing in our faith . . .

**Col 2:6-7**

**Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.**

**Abound in thanksgiving**

- Like a river overflowing its banks

**1 Thess 5:18 ESV**

**give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

**Eph 5:20 ESV**

**giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Col 3:15-17 ESV**

**And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

- Being thankful is a choice
- A thankless spirit portrays a life which is no longer focusing on the greatness of Christ. It is looking down, not up. Thankful hearts herald spiritual health. Thankfulness is the result of a mature faith
- Being thankful can change your life . . .
- Thankfulness is what keeps you afloat in the flood . . .

**Conclusion**

- Invitation to make Jesus “Lord” of your life
- Exhortation to continue to grow and walk in the faith with thankfulness
- Prayer for us to stay strong in in the faith