

“Living In Christ”

Colossians 2:6-10

Colossians #7
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Big Idea: *Walking in Christ Who is the Truth & Fulness of God!*

Build the Foundation of Your Faith in Jesus Christ | vv.6-7.

- “Walking” is often used in the Bible as a metaphor for lifestyle; It’s how you live from day to day
 - Colossians 1:10 | *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him; bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God*
- Christ → the Greek word for the Hebrew word “Messiah,” meaning “anointed one.” [John 1:41]
- Jesus → Personal name which means “Savior” [Luke 1:30-33; Matthew 1:20-21]
- Followers of Jesus don’t mature past the Gospel of Jesus Christ ~ Spoken Gospel
- “Rooted” refers to the foundation and source of your life
 - John 15:5 | *I am the vine; You are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*
 - Psalm 1:2-3 | ² *but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.* ³ *He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*
- “Built Up” refers to being built upon as part of spiritual structure; continuous
 - Loving God, Loving Others, Gospel Growth, Sharing your faith
- “Faith” refers to the teachings of the gospel of Christ as found in the scriptures
- Matthew 7:24-27 | ²⁵ *And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.* ²⁶ *And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.* ²⁷ *And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”*

Beware of the Falsehoods of Man & Satan | v.8.

- “See to it” means to “Beware! Take Heed! Watchout! Stay Alert!”
- “Take Captive” refers to carry off as prey; to make victim of fraud.
 - Commonly used for stealing a ship’s cargo.
 - Picture of kidnapping someone as a prisoner of war.
- Syncretism (buffet of beliefs) | The combining of ideas from other philosophies and religions with Christian truth (such as paganism, strains of Judaism, Greek thought/early Gnosticism).
- “Philosophy” refers to “love of wisdom.”
- “Empty” refers to vain, fruitless, void of effect, hollow, foolish, fallacious.
 - John 8:44 | *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*
- 1 Peter 5:8 | *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

Be Filled With the Fullness of God | vv.9-10.

- Colossians 1:9 | *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.*
- “Dwell” refers to be at home permanently.
- Hypostatic Union of Christ → Jesus has both a divine nature and human nature. The Godman.
- Hebrews 13:9 | *“led or carried away by all kinds of strange teachings” both inside and outside the church today,*
- Ephesians 4:14 | *“tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.”*
- “Filled in Him” refers to make full, fill up, to complete, perfect
 - The fullness of God, lives in the people of God, by the Spirit of God
- John 1:16 | *“From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.”*
- John 10:10 | *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*
- Ephesians in 3:19 | *“that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*
- “Don’t go looking for treasure you already have” ~ Max Anders

Reflection Questions:

1. Does your life feel empty, hollow, void, unfulfilled?
What lies could you be believing about God, the world, yourself, and others to make you feel this way?
Acknowledge and confess these things.
2. What truths do you need to confess and proclaim about who God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is today? Acknowledge and declare these things.
3. Do you know the teachings of Jesus well enough to identify when someone is teaching them falsely?
Pray for a continued hunger and consistency for the truths of God.
4. Take a moment to offer up an attitude of gratitude prayer to God.
Thank him for who He is and what He has done and continues to do as we “Walk in Him”