

Colossians 2:6–7

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abounding in it with thanksgiving.

*What are we to do with the Real Jesus?
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INTRO:

Colossians 2:6-7 serve as the theme for this entire letter. They also make my heart sing and the song that it sings is:

“All that thrills my soul is Jesus; / He is more than life to me; / And the fairest of ten thousand / In my blessed Lord I see.”

Does the Lord Jesus Christ really thrill our souls? Is He the only thing that thrills our souls? Paul wrote all of this wonderful revelation in Chapter 1 about our Lord Jesus Christ for one reason. It is so we might know how important it is that we walk in Him.

I. Walking In Him (v.6)

II. Anchored in Him (v.7)

I. Walking In Him (v.6)

Colossians 2:6 “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,”

A. On the heels of the great introduction Paul wrote, describing how the Lord Jesus Christ who is God in human flesh, the creator, sustainer of the Universe has come to reconcile us to God the Father and lives in us, he turned to the theme he will flesh out in this letter. He says, **“Therefore,”** because of who the genuine Jesus is, and because of what He has done, we must live our lives in a certain way.

B. “As we have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, we must walk in Him.”

The word translated received means to **“take to oneself.”** The verb can mean to receive as in a teaching or it can mean to take Christ Himself to ourselves. (This same verb is used in **John 14:3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”**)

It implies our obedient submission to who He is and what He has done for us. This is eternal salvation and miraculous conversion.

C. The same way we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as He is, we must walk in this union, this relationship with Him. We do that by faith. We believe in Him.

Ephesians 2:8-9 *“For by grace are you saved through grace, that not of yourself, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*

The growing Christian lives by actively trusting Christ.

II. Anchored in Him (v.7)

Colossians 2:7 *“Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving”*

A. Paul will not accept Christ pushed into some corner of our lives. He demands that this union with Christ, if real, will have startling affect in our lives. First, the believer is rooted in Christ. The picture is a plant. When a plant is born its roots go down and its top goes up. Roots connect the plant to the life giving source of nutrients. The roots also become a part of the ground in which the plant is planted. We are to be rooted in Him.

B. Second, we are built up. We cannot be stagnant in our growth. Paul changed the picture to a building being erected upon a foundation. If we know Christ as Savior and walk in fellowship with Him, we will be built into a spiritual building which will glorify God.

C. Third, we will be established in the Faith. The picture is spiritual stability. We see this picture sketched out in **Ephesians 4:12-14**;

“[Christ gave the gifted men] for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; in order that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.”

D. This is what we are taught in the scriptures and it is how we should live.

Application.

1. Have each of us submitted to the Gospel which is the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ?

2. Does our Christian life look like a day by day walk with Christ and in Christ? Is it rooted in Him? Is it growing up into Him? Is it established in Him? Are we committed to the one true and living Christ Jesus the Lord?

3. I was sharing with my wife how when I pray I love to repeat to the Lord how He alone is God and there is no other God like Him. It gives me goosebumps when I say it. I am sure it should give us absolute goose bumps to think of who Christ Jesus is. We must recognize Whom we live in union with. He is the Christ, the Messiah, whose coming was planned before the world began. He is Jesus. Yahweh saves.

Matthew 1:21 *“You shall call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sin.”*

And He is the Lord, God in human flesh. All of **Colossians 1** was about Him. Do you and I have goose bumps yet?