Colossians 2:6-7

A Sturdy Walk

You received Christ …

I. Established in Him
    A. Founded

    B. Being Built

    C. Reinforced

II. Walking in Him
    A. Steady Steps

    B. Forward Movement

III. Thankful to Him
    A. Expressed

    B. Lived

… abide in Him.

Children, Listen …

1. What does it mean to have Jesus as Savior?

2. What does it mean to have Jesus as Lord of your life?

3. What things should someone who believes in Jesus do to build their faith and make it stronger?

Not Cheap Not Shallow

In modern evangelical parlance the idea of "receiving" Jesus can cheapen what is really meant by Paul when he uses the word we translate properly as receiving. The fact that he follows it up with a three-fold reference to the Savior confirms that it is so much more than mere assent or easy believism. It reminds us that Jesus is not only Savior, but Lord. Who do we *receive* Jesus as? Christ: the long-awaited Messiah, prophesied as the great anointed deliverer sent by God to redeem His people from bondage. Jesus: Y'shua, Joshua, "God is salvation." He is the one conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and given. So named as He came from God to save His people from their sins. The incarnate Son of God, fully God, fully man. He lived a perfect life and died as a willing sacrifice to save the likes of us. Lord: Christ Jesus is LORD – the title above all titles, the name above all names. When He finished His work on earth He ascended to the right hand of glory where He rules and reigns over all things. Considering Who He is, "receiving Him" demands surrender and submission … and also a serious pursuit of all that it means to live for Him. A huge part of what that means is building on the strong foundation laid in Jesus. This takes diligence, in fact striving in the faith. This is not about cheap grace and lip service naming Jesus – this is about the amazing grace of God and a faith that is willing and ready to live wholeheartedly for the Lord through diligent use of the means of grace with a heart of obedience.