

Remaining Steadfast in Christ
Colossians 2:5-7
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Review:

Paul's agonizing "conflict" (vs.1) for these believers was motivated out of love for them and for them to find satisfaction in Christ. He warns about false teachers who will deceive with tempting arguments to fall away from Christ. There is a great pull on us to fall away & compromise the faith – to deviate from the Gospel. Each one of use falls away from the gospel each week through some sin or false teaching. Verses 6-7 give us insight in how to remain steadfast to Christ.

Outline Review:

To remain steadfast we must...

- I. Be Grounded in Christ. (Key words "received" "rooted", and "established" (vs.7).
- II. Be Growing in Christ. "so walk...in Him", "built up...in Him."
- III. Be Grateful to Christ. "abounding in thanksgiving."

Application:

1. If Christ is not central to our Christianity we have drifted. What is the difference between Christians who have lost focus on Christ and moral/religious unbelievers? In what ways do you find yourself focusing on the peripherals of Christianity and not on Christ himself?
2. How can we make the daily patterns of our lives consistent with what we have in Christ? Or, as Pastor said, "practice the Presence of Christ?"
3. What are some practical habits that you practice to help remind you to "abide" in Christ throughout the week?
4. It is important for us to be "grounded" in Christ – false teaching is all around. Why do you believe that Jesus is God? How do you know that salvation is only through faith in Him?