

Living in Christ

Colossians 2:6-7

Introduction

Many of the challenges we face in our world are not new.

There were false teachers and skeptics at Colosse. There are false teachers and skeptics today.

They came to minimize Christ. Our world wants to minimize Christ.

I. Stay faithful. Verse 6

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him."

How did you receive Christ?

We received him by faith.
Then live (walk) by faith.

How else did you receive him?

- As Christ – the Messiah, the Anointed One.
- As Jesus – the Savior, fully man.
- As Lord – Sovereign, the King, fully God.

We believe that Jesus is who he claimed to be.

You started well. Don't let anyone deceive you or mislead you.

II. Keep growing. Verse 7



Rooted – firmly planted
like a tree.

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”
Psalm 1:1-3

What happens to Christians under trial?
We get stressed. And if our faith is not strong, we will fall.

Built up – continually growing.

When we build a house or a church we want it to last.

God wants our faith to be strong. That takes a lifetime of continual growth.

Strengthened in the faith – as you were taught.

- Continually nourished by the word of God.
- Continually empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Holding on to the faith – as you were taught.

“We speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men, but God, who tests our hearts.” 1 Thessalonians 2:4

"Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us." II Timothy 1:14

III. Be thankful. Verse 7



"Overflowing with thankfulness"

Seven times Paul mentions giving thanks in this short letter.

When we understand how much we have been forgiven and how much we have been given, our heart overflows with thanks.

Conclusion



Stay faithful.

Keep growing.

Be thankful.

What would God want you to do?