

Growth in Christ

Colossians 2:6-7

Introduction:

I've accepted Christ Jesus now what? Well you need to grow in Christ. Are you ready to grow in Christ Jesus? Turn with me to Colossians 2:6-7.

Scripture:

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Key Points:

1. We must receive Christ
2. We must be rooted
3. We must overflow with thankfulness

Outline:

1. We must receive Christ.
 - a. "As you therefore have received Christ"
 - i. How did you receive Christ?
 - (1) We have received HIM through faith
 - b. Just as we have received HIM through faith we must continue to walk in that faith.
 - c. What does it mean to walk in faith?
 - i. To walk in faith means to depend on Christ Jesus in all things.
 - (1) (Proverbs 3:5) Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
 - (2) (1 Peter 5:7) casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
2. We must be rooted
 - a. What does it mean to be rooted?
 - i. Rooted- to establish deeply and firm.
 - b. How can we do this?
 - i. (2 Timothy 3:16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
 - (1) We become rooted when we allow the word of God teach us
 - (2) we become rooted when we let the word of God correct us.
 - (3) we become rooted when we let the word of God guide us.
 - ii. In order for all these things to happen we must be in the word of God, it MUST become a part of us.
 - (1) (Psalms 119:11) Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

3. We must overflow with thankfulness.
 - a. Thankfulness is simply gratitude.
 - b. Why must we show God gratitude? Because HE saved us from:
 - i. Hell and damnation
 - (1) (Revelation 1:18) I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.
 - ii. HE provides all our needs.
 - (1) (Phillipians 4:19) And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
 - iii. HE provides us with a future and a hope.
 - (1) (John 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
 - iv. We should be grateful because of what HE did on calvary's cross.
 - (1) HE did that you might live.
 - (2) The least we could do is live for HIM and in HIM so that other might receive what we have.

HOW DEEP ARE YOUR ROOTS?

Conclusion:

Let today be the day that you go deeper with Christ Jesus. It may begin with baptism, you may have already be baptized and need to recommit your life to Christ, it may even be that you need to start making the word of God part of your daily life or you may need to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior. TODAY is that day don't put it off.