

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scriptures for Today: Colossians 2:1-7 – *an anchored life rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ*

Today's Message:

"Anchor of my soul"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we finished chapter one with a mystery revealed – Christ in you, the hope of glory! And we learned of the purpose and power of the ministry God has given to us to fulfill the word of God. Today, we will begin the key chapter of Colossians with very important truth for our lives. The Holy Spirit wants you to comprehend what you truly possess in Jesus Christ. This truth should comfort your heart, motivate you to live a consistent and faithful life, and bring rest knowing you are complete in Him. Beware, there is a clear and present danger you must guard against. This is God's message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text Colossians 2:1-7

A. Comforted in Christ – a heart that is strengthened by love and truth.

1. A **COMFORTED** heart *in Christ* produces spiritual discernment and steadfast faith.

Important Note

Spiritual maturity begins with a comforted heart...

Galatians 4:19

My little children, of whom I *travail in birth again* until Christ be formed in you,

2 Chr 1:10-12

Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee...

- **Colossians 2:1** – For I would that ye knew **what great conflict I have for you...**
- **Colossians 2:2** – ... **hearts might be comforted**, being knit together in love...
- **Colossians 2:3** – In whom are hid **all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**.
- **Colossians 2:4** – And this I say, **lest any man should beguile you with enticing words**.
- **Colossians 2:5** – ... beholding **your order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ**.

"Great conflict" Paul's burden was spiritual, not physical; he was concerned for their souls.

"Knit together" Spiritual maturity brings unity with compassion and truth.

"Full assurance" Full confidence; true confidence comes from knowing Jesus Christ.

"All the treasures" Great abundance; Christ is the storehouse of all wisdom / knowledge.

"Beguile" To deceive; to lead from truth into error; to mislead the mind. (flattery, alluring)

"Order and steadfastness" Sound doctrine + disciplined faith = spiritual **STABILITY**

Comparing Scriptures

- **Ephesians 4:15-16** – But speaking the truth in love, may **grow up** into him in all things...
- **Romans 11:33** – O **the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!**
- **Colossians 1:9** – ...filled...knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

Key Truth

- Spiritually maturity gives joyful discernment; we have all the treasures in Christ!

Seek Christ	Grow in Christ	Guard against substitutes
<i>Proverbs 2:4-5; James 1:5</i>	<i>John 15:4-5; Colossians 1:6-7</i>	<i>Proverbs 9:10; 2 Peter 1:3</i>
Do not desire intellectual pride for the sake of knowledge; pursue intimate fellowship and life with Jesus Christ.	Do not just grow in information. True wisdom is not knowing more but knowing Him more deeply.	The world offers knowledge that puffs up, but Christ gives wisdom that builds you up and anchors your soul in Him.

B. Anchored in Christ – a life that is rooted, built up, stablished, and grateful.

2. An anchored life is **SECURE** – rooted in truth, growing in grace, grateful in spirit.

- **Colossians 2:6** – As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord,
SO WALK YE in him:

The message
AND the Person!

- **Colossians 2:7** – Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith,
AS YE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

“Received” It is not merely to believe facts about Him, but to submit to/trust Him as Lord!

“Walk” Daily conduct; not a sprint; Christ is the starting point, pathway, and destination!

“Rooted” Deeply planted; once the root is in Christ, we draw life/nourishment from Him!

“Built up in him” Spiritual growth; our goal is to grow in Him NOT beyond or past Him!

“Stablished in the faith” Firmly settled; your life is anchored through obedience in Christ.

“Abounding” Being very prevalent | **“Thanksgiving”** Gratitude is a sign of spiritual **HEALTH!**

Comparing Scriptures

- **2 Peter 3:18** – But GROW IN GRACE, and in THE KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Saviour...
- **Psalms 1:3** – And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water... forth his fruit...
- **Jeremiah 17:8** – For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters... her leaf shall be green
- **Ephesians 3:17** – That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye,

BEING ROOTED and **GROUNDING** in love,

MAY BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND with all saints

WHAT IS ... the **breadth**,
and **length**,
and **depth**,
and **height**;

Important Note

The Christian life is not about finding something new but going deeper into the relationship you already have with Christ!

Key Truths

- The Colossians did not need new teaching, only deeper understanding in what they already had received. False teachers were offering “something deeper” or “something more” beyond Christ. The world and the devil do this to you daily!
- Paul said there is nothing beyond Christ—**knowing Him more** is the goal! **AMEN.**

A summary of the entire Christian life ...

<u>The word of God</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Spiritual Truth</u>
Received Christ	Conversion	Faith Accepted	Beginning <u>in Christ</u>
Walk ye in him	Conduct	Faith Applied	Continuing <u>in Christ</u>
Rooted	Agriculture	Faith Anchored	Stability <u>in Christ</u>
Built up	Architecture	Faith Growing	Progress <u>in Christ</u>
Stablished	Defense	Faith Strengthened	Confidence <u>in Christ</u>
Abounding with thanksgiving	Overflow	Faith Rejoicing	Gratitude <u>in Christ</u>

QUESTION: What is your life like? Where are you in your spiritual journey and walk with Jesus Christ?