

KNOWING JESUS

Growing In Grace - Abounding With Thanksgiving



CCIC BELIEVES THAT

- **CHRIST IS OUR CENTER.** Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- **LOVE IS OUR BOND.** Colossians 3:14 ” And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
- **GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION.** Mark 16:15 “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”



OUR STRUCTURE

- TO TEACH THE WORD.
- TO TEACH TO PRAY.
- TO TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND PEOPLE.
- TO TEACH TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.



LAST WEEK:

- 1. Grace is God's unmerited favor and transforming power. It saves us, sustains us, shapes us into Christ's image.
- 2. Growing in grace means learning to depend more on God's strength and less on our own.
- 3. Grace changes our character-producing humility, kindness, forgiveness, and love.
- 4. Grace equips us to serve others with the gifts God has given us.
- 5. The more we understand grace, the more we respond with gratitude and worship to God.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:6,7

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HOW CAN CHRIST BE SUFFICIENT?

- 1. Receive Christ and walk in Him
- 2. Be rooted in Christ
- 3. Be built up in Him
- 4. Be established in the faith as you have been taught
- 5. May your walk with Christ abound with thanksgiving



1. RECEIVE CHRIST AND WALK IN HIM

- ⁶ As ye have therefore **received Christ** Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him
- A. “**received**” - Παραλαμβάνω (*paralambanō*) - From παρά (*G3844*) and λαμβάνω (*G2983*)
 - “παρά “ - from, of at, by, besides, near
 - “λαμβάνω” to take with the hand, lay hold of, any person or thing in order to use it
 - to take up a thing to be carried
 - to take upon one's self
 - of that which when taken is not let go, to seize, to lay hold of, apprehend

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to **take unto thee** Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. (Mat 1:20)



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- B. “**walk**” - περιπατέω (*peripateō*)
 - to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability);
 - figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary):—go, be occupied with, walk (about)

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, **walking** on the sea. (Mat 14:25)
And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he **walked** on the water, to go to Jesus. (Mat 14:29)

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and **walk**. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and **walked**: and on the same day was the sabbath. (John 5:8,9)



2. BE ROOTED IN CHRIST

- ⁷Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- A. Those who trust in God and have their whole being hoping in him – they are the ones rooted in Him; they are the ones who prosper truly
 - Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. (Jer 17:7-8)



3. BE BUILT UP IN HIM

- ⁷ Rooted and **built up in him**, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- A. God + His word of grace builds us up
 - And now, brethren, I commend you to **God**, and to **the word of his grace**, which is able to **build you up**, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. (Acts 20:32)
- B. We build ourselves up through prayer in the Holy Ghost
 - But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves** on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, (Jude 1:20)



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- ⁷ Rooted and **built up in him**, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- C. Become the church of Christ
 - That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
 - But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
 - From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh **increase of the body** unto the edifying of itself in love. (Eph 4:14-16)



4. BE ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH AS YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT

- ⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- A. Faith comes by hearing the word of God
 - So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17)
 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim 3:16-17)
- B. God is our teacher
 - Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as *my Father hath taught me*, I speak these things. (John 8:28)
 - But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)



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- C. We are “established” in the faith – we have certainty, courage, purpose, identity. Are you established or ‘just visiting’?
 - That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (Eph 4:14)
 - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: (1 Peter 3:15)



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 - He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God**. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Mat 16:15-18)



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 - And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4,5)



5. MAY YOUR WALK WITH CHRIST ABOUND WITH THANKSGIVING

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Receiving and walking with Christ will result in thanksgiving because:

- A. We realise the price He paid for us
 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Cor 6:19,20)



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- B. We have a comforter
 - I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. (John 14:18)
- C. As He is, so are we
 - Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. (1 John 4:17)



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Receiving and walking with Christ will result in thanksgiving because:

- D. His grace becomes sufficient for us
 - And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Cor 12:9)



CONCLUSION

- 1. Our thanksgiving is indicative of our relationship with God – the more thanks we give, the closer we are to Him. When we don't give thanks – we show we are far from Him.
- 2. Receiving Christ means to grab and take hold of Him near me forever
- 3. Walking in Him means I follow Him. I can now do things that I couldn't do before I met Christ. The opposite would be to walk in sin.
- 4. Rooted in Christ means I have fully trusted Him and He supplies my strength. I am fruitful regardless of my environment because His strength is what sustains me.



CONCLUSION

- 5. Built up in Christ means to be part of the church. Not as a regular visitor, or an attendant – but as a member of a body – working together with other members to accomplish the goal of bringing the gospel into the world. The opposite of that is to be in the world.
- 6. Established in the faith is to know the Word of God and live it out. It is to have authority. It is to know who you are. It is to have the identity of a disciple. It is to be unshakable, unmovable and victorious.
- 7. This is because you have the Holy Spirit as your guide and teacher.
- 8. All this results in bringing thanks back to God because it is His grace that made it all possible.

