

AFTER THE CROSS, LIVING BY FAITH

Colossians 2:6-7

Westland Baptist Church
Roy Meadows, Lead Pastor
April 7, 2024

After the Cross, after I accept Christ as my Savior and Lord, what then?

- Live by **FAITH**.

The Bible says, “⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7

- You accepted Christ by faith, so, we live by faith in Christ and His completed Work in us.

- Be “**ROOTED**” in Christ. Deep roots are important. We all face challenges. If you are not deeply “rooted” in Christ, when tough times come, you will tend to wither away from God’s high calling for you in Christ Jesus.

- Now that you have accepted Christ, what are you going to do with The Work He has begun in you?

In Mark 4:3-9 Jesus tells the story of the four soils. This story tells of four responses to hearing the Good News of salvation through Jesus:

3 “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil

was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” ⁹ Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

- You gain “**roots**” (go deeper) by **spending time in God’s Word**.
- You will be “**built up**” (enjoy fellowship with God) by **spending time with God in prayer**.
- And, you will be “**strengthened in the faith as you were taught**” by **spending time with God’s people**.