

IN HIM

Bible Class Study Guide - Colossians 2:6-10 & Acts 17:28

Key Thought: Christianity is not simply Christ in my life; it is my life in Christ.

Colossians 2:6 - "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him."

1. RECEIVED - Christ Jesus the LORD

The word *received* carries the idea of receiving, accepting, or taking to oneself. We did not merely hear about Jesus; we _____ Him.

Paul emphasizes that we received Christ Jesus as _____. His Word, direction, and will have authority over our lives.

Question: Did I receive Jesus merely to rescue my life - or to _____ my life?

2. WALK - A Daily Life in Him

The Greek word for *walk*, *peripateo*, describes the way a person conducts his or her _____ life.

Jesus is not someone we merely visit at church. We are called to _____ in Him.

My walk reveals who is actually Lord.

What areas of my everyday walk need to come more fully under Christ's lordship?

Colossians 2:7 - "Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith... abounding therein with thanksgiving."

3. ROOTED - What Is Beneath Me?

Roots are mostly _____, but eventually everyone sees what the roots produce.

Pressure does not create shallow roots; pressure _____ them.

If my roots are in Christ, changing circumstances do not have to _____ me.

What am I rooted in?

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4. BUILT UP - What Is Christ Building in Me?

Jesus is not only where I _____; He is the foundation upon which I continue to build.

Spiritual maturity is not merely how long I have been saved. It is what Christ has been allowed to _____ in me.

Name one area where you can see that God has built maturity in you:

5. ESTABLISHED - Becoming Firm in the Faith

To be established means to be confirmed, strengthened, made _____ and secure.

There should be truths in our lives that are no longer constantly up for _____.

Roots keep me from being uprooted. A foundation keeps me from collapsing. Faith keeps me from being moved.

Colossians 2:8 - "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit... and not after Christ."

6. BEWARE - Something Is Trying to Move You

The word *spoil* pictures someone being carried away as _____.

If I do not know what I believe, someone else may eventually tell me what to _____.

A helpful test is: **Does this lead me toward _____ - or away from Him?**

What voices, ideas, pressures, or desires most often try to move you?

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7. ABOUNDING - Thanksgiving

A mature Christian should not only become deeper; he or she should become more _____.

Instead of living from "What am I missing?" I can live from "Look what I have already been _____ in Christ."

Colossians 2:9-10 - "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him..."

8. COMPLETE IN HIM

Paul begins with Christ's _____ before speaking of our completeness.

Being complete in Christ does not mean I am finished _____. It means my sufficiency, acceptance, and identity are found in Him.

I do not grow in order to become accepted by Christ. I grow because I have already been _____ in Christ.

Whatever I believe I must have in order to be whole has the potential to compete with Christ.

Where might I be looking for something to complete me that God says I already possess in Christ?

Acts 17:28 - "For in him we live, and move, and have our being..."

9. IN HIM WE LIVE - MY SOURCE

Jesus is not supposed to be one _____ of my life. My whole life is to be lived in Him.

What changes when I see Christ as the source of my whole life rather than one part of it?

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10. IN HIM WE MOVE - MY DIRECTION

Movement implies _____. The question is not only, "Is God present in what I'm doing?" but, "Is God directing what I'm doing?"

Where do I need God's direction rather than simply asking Him to bless my own plans?

11. IN HIM WE HAVE OUR BEING - MY IDENTITY

My identity is not ultimately found in people's opinions, positions, possessions, or accomplishments. My _____ is in Him.

*IN HIM I LIVE - my SOURCE
IN HIM I MOVE - my DIRECTION
IN HIM I HAVE MY BEING - my IDENTITY*

BRING IT ALL TOGETHER

*RECEIVED -> WALKING -> ROOTED -> BUILT UP -> ESTABLISHED -> NOT MOVED -> ABOUNDING
-> COMPLETE*

In Him I WALK - Colossians 2:6

In Him I'm ROOTED - Colossians 2:7

In Him I'm BUILT UP - Colossians 2:7

In Him I'm COMPLETE - Colossians 2:10

Final Reflection: Am I walking in the One I received? Are my roots getting deeper, is Christ building something in me, is my faith becoming stronger, and is thanksgiving overflowing from my life?

Personal Prayer / Notes
