

Title: Established: Built by God, Rooted to Last

Text

Colossians 2:6–7 (KJV)

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

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I. ELEVATION SHOWED US WHAT GOD CAN DO

That's elevation language. Salvation lifts us. Grace lifts us. Redemption lifts us. And this year, God lifted us:

- He strengthened faith
- He rebuilt confidence
- He restored vision
- He reminded us who He is

II. ESTABLISHMENT TEACHES US HOW TO WALK

Elevation celebrates moments but Establishment shapes movement.

Walking implies:

- Direction,
- rhythm,
- consistency
- maturity

God is not just interested in lifting us up —

He is committed to **teaching us how to live there.**

III. ROOTED — THE HIDDEN WORK OF GOD

Roots are unseen. Roots are slow. Roots grow downward before anything grows upward.

Establishment strengthens what people don't.

A church that is rooted:

- is not easily shaken
- is not driven by trends
- is not ruled by emotion

IV. BUILT — GOD'S CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION

Paul says we are "built up in Him."

That means:

- God is still working
- God is still shaping
- God is still forming

And what God builds, He builds with purpose, order, and care.

V. ESTABLISHED — FAITH THAT LASTS

Established faith is not flashy. It is faithful.

It doesn't panic in storms.

It doesn't collapse under pressure.

It doesn't drift when emotions fade.

Established faith stands.