

Deeply Rooted

Colossians 2:6-7

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:6-7)

Main Idea: Deep roots in Christ produce a strong foundation

I. When you are deeply rooted, your faith becomes your own.

“...as YOU received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him..” (Colossians 2:6a)

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but much more in my absence, WORK OUT your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and work for his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:12-13)

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.” (ESV) (Jeremiah 17:7)

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. (NIV) (Jeremiah 17:7)

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II. When you are deeply rooted, tradition becomes secondary.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Psalm 139:23-24)

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A. Absorbing God’s Word - “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of

the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” (Psalm 1:1-3)

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.” (Psalm 119:9)

B. Building a faith-filled prayer life- “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)

“...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” (Psalm 50:15)

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:12-13)

C. Connecting with others - “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17)

Knowing God vs Knowing about God (**Conocer vs Saber**)

Conocer (Spanish): to know a person/to be acquainted with someone

Saber (Spanish): to know facts/how to do something

Ginosko (Greek): to know deeply, intimately

III. When you are deeply rooted, gratitude flows from within

“...rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:7)

In order to have a strong faith, your roots must be deep in Christ.

“I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)