

# Thankful for Faith

Colossians 2:6-7

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## The Source of Faith

- Receiving = Believing, exercising saving faith
- Faith itself is a gracious gift from God

## Beginning and Sustaining

- Having been firmly rooted
- And being built up
- We are becoming established

## Abounding in Thanksgiving

- Praying persistently
- Intentionally cultivating the habit
- Being vigilant

*Beginning in faith is a gift from God*

*"Father, I thank you that I believe. If left to myself, I would never have trusted your Son at all."*

*Continuing in faith is a gift from God*

*"Father, I thank you that I am still believing. If left to myself, I would have failed long ago. But I am still trusting. That is Your work, not mine."*

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# For Life Group Discussion

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1. Do you look forward to Thanksgiving? Why or why not? What makes the holiday great? What makes it difficult?
2. Read Col 2:6, then Jn 1:11-13. How do the verses from John help us understand the word "receiving" in Colossians?
  - What is the relationship between receiving and believing?
  - What does it mean that Jesus gave us the "right" to become Children of God? And that we were born (again) by the will of God? How does Eph 2:8-9 help us understand?
3. What does the Bible mean when it uses words like "faith" and "belief"? How are they often misunderstood, and what can you do to clarify? Read Heb 11:1 for help
4. Read Col 2:6-7. How do the 4 characteristics listed in v. 7 help us understand what it looks like to "walk in Him" (v 6)?
5. There were 3 practical steps offered to help us "dig the well of our gratitude deeper": Pray for it, cultivate it, and be vigilant in pursuit of it. How will you apply those steps this week?
6. Can you pray the two prayers at the end sincerely? Do you truly believe that your initial and continuing faith are a gift from God, and not your own doing? If not, what questions do you still have?

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Homework: Read Hebrews 2:10-18 in preparation for next Sunday