



# Titus

*...in all things show yourself  
to be an example of good deeds...*

# Agenda

- Recap
- Titus 3:2-15
- Topics:
  - Rationale for the reminders
  - Purpose of salvation
  - Genealogies
  - Spiritual growth

# Titus Outline

Conduct of believers

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# Elder Abilities / Qualifications


“Holding fast the faithful word which is in according with THE teaching”

SO  THAT

“he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict”

# Elder Command

“Reprove them severely”

SO  THAT

“they may be sound in THE faith”



# Older Women

“Reverent, not malicious gossips,  
not enslaved to much wine,  
teaching what is good”

SO  THAT

“they may bring the younger  
women to their senses”

# Younger Women

“Love their husbands and children, sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands”

SO  THAT

“the word of God will not be dishonored”

# Younger Men / Titus

Younger men: “Sensible”

Titus’ example: “Good deeds, doctrinal purity, sound speech”

SO  THAT

“the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us”

# Slaves

- Subject to own masters
- Well-pleasing
- Not argumentative
- Not pilfering
- Showing all good faith

SO  THAT

“they will adorn the doctrine of God our savior in every respect”

# Gave Himself

[He] “gave Himself for us...”

SO  THAT

“He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify us for His own possession”

# Titus 3:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

# Our Duties

- Obligation to Pray
- Obligation to Submit

Titus 3:1

Romans 13:1-7

1 Peter 2:13-17



Are there any exceptions?



# Acts 5:27-29

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”



**Q: What do we do when there's a conflict?**

# Some Principles from Daniel

- Normal course of action --> obey authority
- Resist when obedience violates word of God
- If possible, work out a suitable accommodation
- If disobedience is called for, we should still show respect

# More Reminders

<sup>2</sup> “to **malign** no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men”

- “Malign” – blaspheme / speak against



How easy is it to speak negatively about others?

# More Reminders

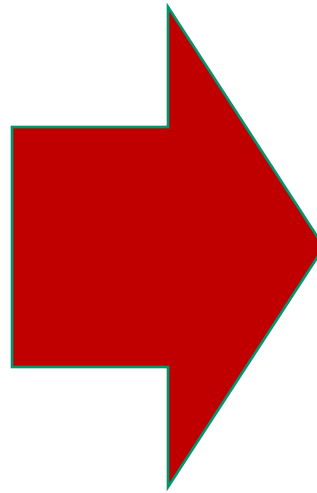
“<sup>2</sup> to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men”

- “Consideration” - courtesy
- In Greek culture, “consideration” was often laughed at. It was seen as fake, hypocritical and as a false concern for someone else, driven by self-interest.



**Q: If we lived this way, would it be adorning the gospel?**

**Instructions**



**Rationale**



# The Instructions

- Subject ourselves to rulers
- To be obedient
- To be ready for every good deed
- To malign no one
- To be peaceable
- Gentle
- Showing consideration for all men

# The Rationale

<sup>3</sup> For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done...

# The Rationale

...in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

# THEN

- We were fools
- Disobedient
- Deceived
- Various lusts and pleasures
- In malice, envy, hateful
- Hating one another

# NOW

By His

- Kindness,
- Mercy,
- Regeneration,
- Renewing by the Spirit

**HE SAVED US**

# Rationale for Salvation

By His kindness, mercy,  
regeneration, and renewing by the  
Spirit, He saved us [and justified us]

SO  THAT

“We would be made heirs”

# Roman Emperors

- **Claudius** (41-54 ) – expelled Jews from Rome

**ADOPTED**



- **Nero** (54-68) – despised Christians; blamed them for his own terrible choices; burned them to provide light for his garden

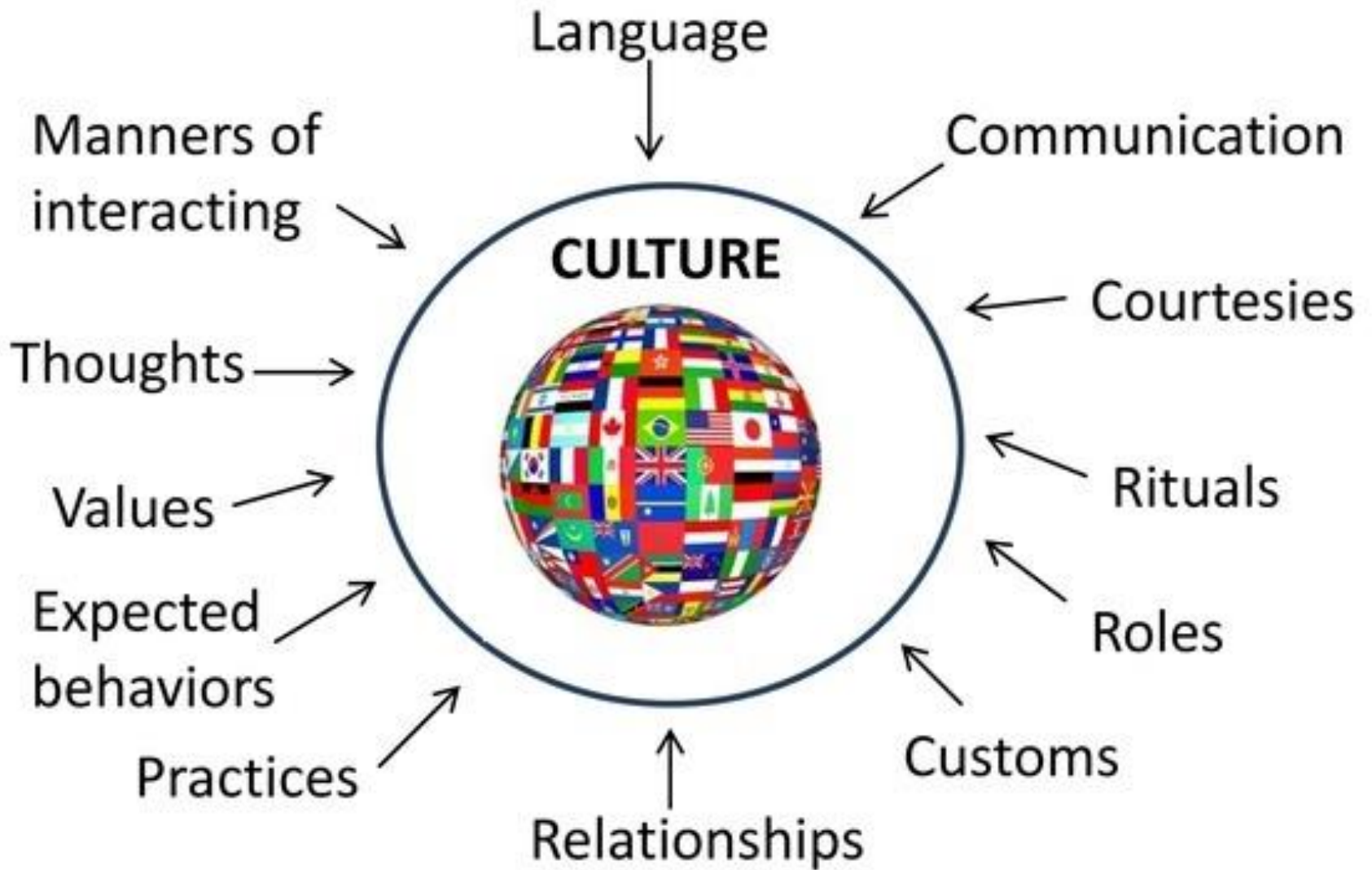
# Romans 8:15

<sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”



# Galatians 4:4-5

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.



# Roman Adoption Law

- The adopted son had a position *better* than the natural son
- A full heir, irreversible, legally severed from any prior sonship
- The adopted son lost all rights in his old family & gained all the rights of a fully legitimate son in his new family

# Roman Adoption Law

- He became an heir to his new father's estate, even if other sons were born afterwards
- The old life of the adopted son was completely wiped out, so that he was regarded as a new person entering into a new life

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<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive **adoption** as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an **heir** through God.

# Romans 8:15-17

<sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of **adoption** as sons by which we cry out, “Abba!

Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, **heirs** also, **heirs** of God and **co-heirs** with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.



**Q: Co-heirs with Christ?**

**Let's hold that thought...**

# Titus 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed in God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men. <sup>9</sup> But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.



# Titus 3:8-14

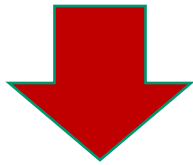
<sup>10</sup> As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, having nothing to do with him, <sup>11</sup> knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned. <sup>12</sup> When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup> Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and...

# Titus 3:8-15

...Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them. <sup>14</sup> Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

# Do

Engage in  
good deeds



Good, profitable,  
meets pressing  
needs, and fruitful

# Avoid

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# Foolish Controversies

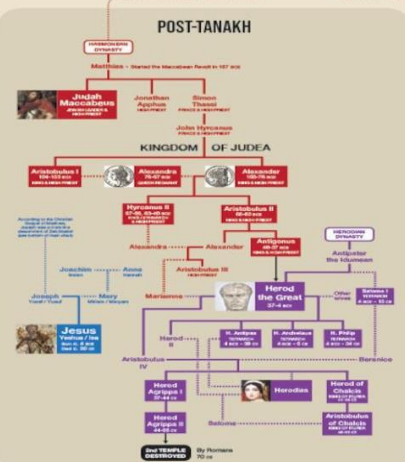
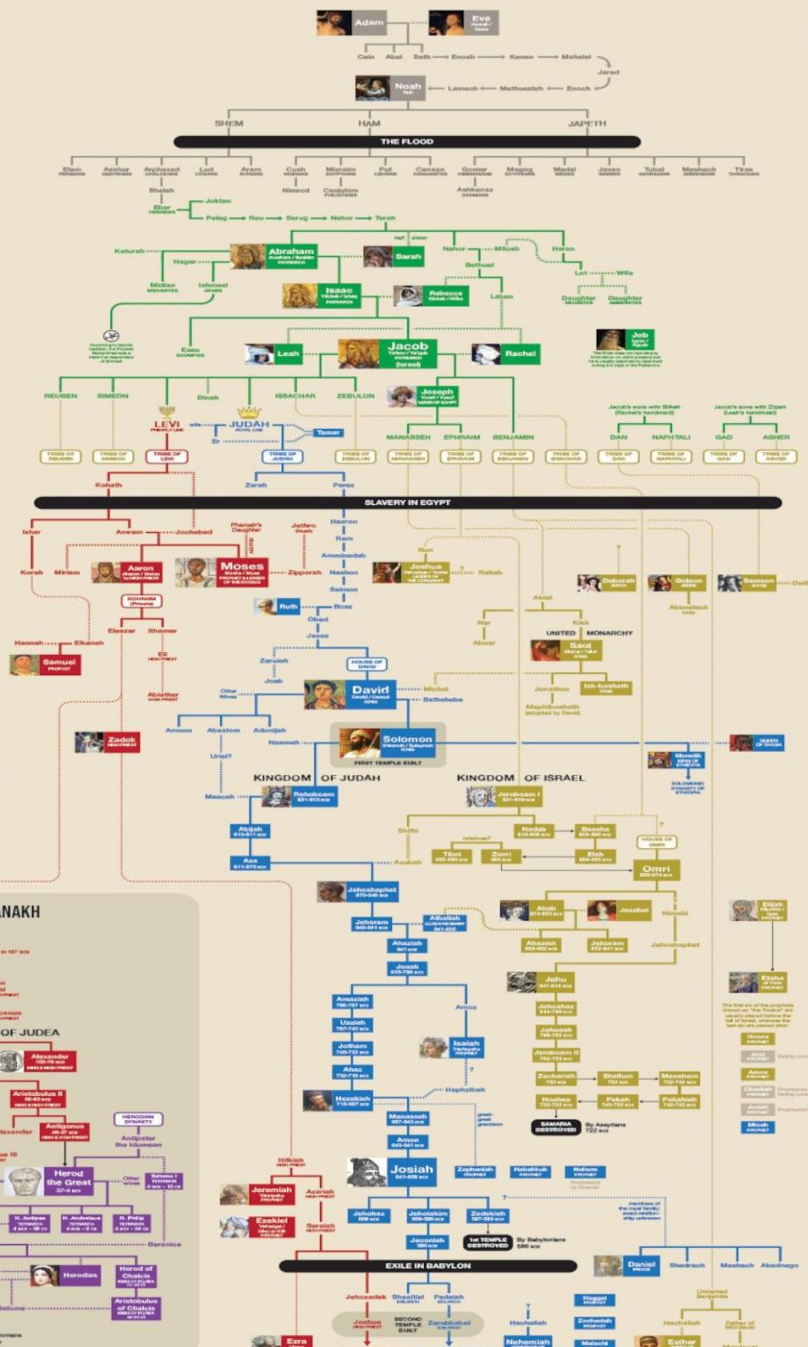
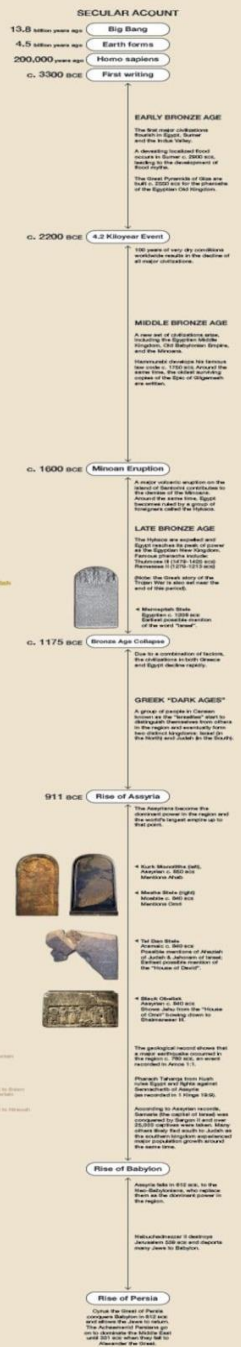
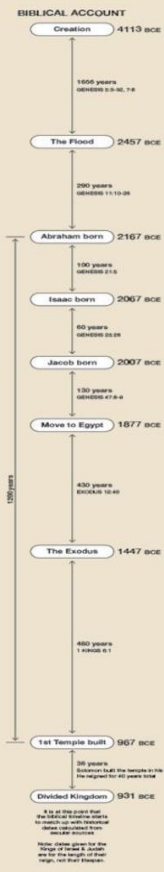
## Examples:

- Should a Jew eat an egg laid on a festival day?*
- What sort of wick and oil should a Jew use for candles he burns on the Sabbath?*



**Q: Avoid genealogies?**

# BIBICAL FAMILY TREE



The geological record shows that a major worldwide extinction event occurred in the Cretaceous period, around 66 million years ago, which is recorded in June 13.

According to Assyrian records, between 612 and 539 BCE, the Babylonians captured the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. The Jewish people were taken into exile in Babylonia.

After the fall of Persia, the Jewish people returned to Jerusalem and the Temple was rebuilt. The Hasmonean dynasty ruled over Judea from 140 BCE to 63 BCE.



**Q: Co-heirs with Christ?**

# 1 Corinthians 1:28-31

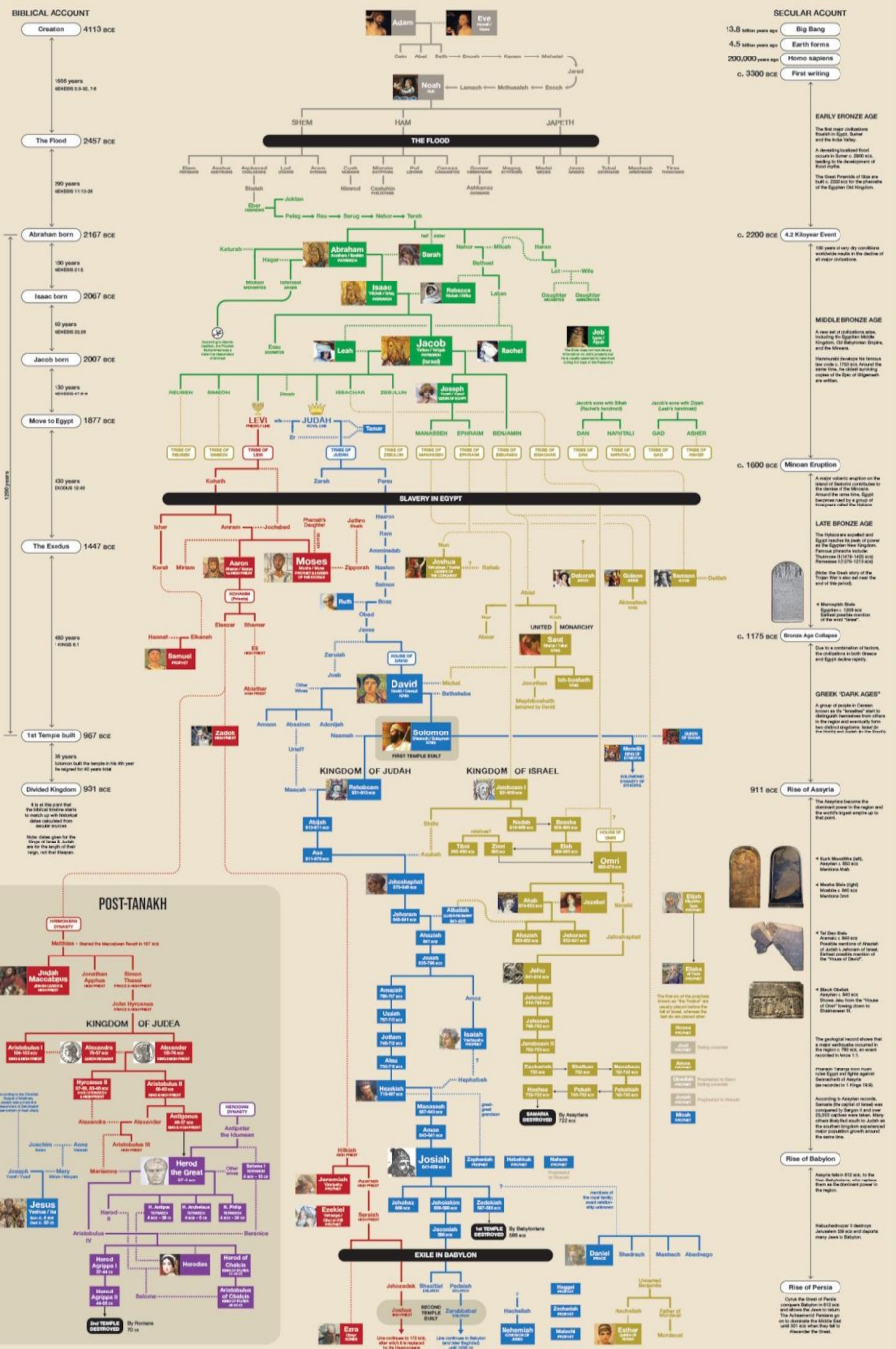
<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”



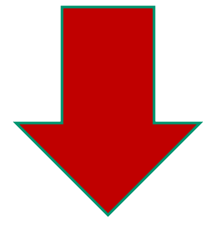


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# God the Father

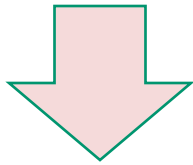


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FINAL  
THOUGHTS

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# Colossians 2:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,  
<sup>7</sup> having been rooted and being built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



A large, full-canopied green tree stands on a grassy hill. Several bright red apples are scattered across its branches. Below the ground line, the tree's root system is exposed, showing a complex network of roots in the soil. The background is a clear blue sky with light clouds.

THANKSGIVING

BEING BUILT UP ESTABLISHED

HAVING BEEN ROOTED



## 2 Peter 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. <sup>18</sup> But grow in ~~the~~ grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





GRACE & KNOWLEDGE