

Scripture:

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.

Notes:

Big Idea

- Today's 'Big Idea' is a question. Are you alive in Christ?
- Be thinking about this question throughout the message
- Ask yourself this question throughout the message
- Pray about this question after the message

How do we understand?

- We can't understand the Supremacy of Christ unless we know what it looks like to be alive in Christ.
- Supremacy: the state or condition of having authority or power over all others.
- Pay attention to the instructions Paul gives us.

Background info

- Paul wrote letter from prison to saints and faithful brothers at Colossae
- Why did he write it?
- At the time some non-Christian teachings were circulating in the Colossian church.
- Jewish and Gentile beliefs and practices were being combined.
- Hybrid religion that no longer resembled biblical Christianity.
- Syncretism

Receiving Salvation

- Verse 6 - "As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him."
- You received Jesus by God's unending love and amazing grace, by simple faith in who He is and what He accomplished on the cross
- You received Jesus as a sinner who needs rescued
- You received Jesus believing His Word is true
- You received Jesus because the Holy Spirit did something wonderful in your heart

KEEP WALKING THAT WAY!

Walk in Him

- When you are saved it is the beginning of your journey.
- You never reach your final destination this side of eternity.
- The trail is Jesus. Walk with Him on a daily basis
- Goal is to be transformed
- Romans 8:29
- 2 Corinthians 3:18

Legalism vs Conviction

- Spiritual growth and maturity is a MUST
- You should see tangible signs of increasing fruit over time
- Being legalistic is a danger
- Being obedient to how the Spirit is leading you is being alive in Christ
- Might be different for different people
- Deal with these matters in LOVE
- Philippians 1:9-11

Rooted, Built up, Established

- Verse 7 - "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."
- Christ followers must grow just like trees, plants, and flowers
- Christ followers only accomplish this through the help of the Holy Spirit
- John 14:26
- We have roots that grow, are built up, and become established
- Colossians 1:10

Savannah Lefler)

- Senior at John Glenn High School in Michigan
- Asked to write a speech for Seniors Honor Night school has each year
- Savannah encourages graduates to live a life of purpose
- She says "the whole point of our existence in this world is to live a life devoted to Christ
- Principal asked her to rewrite the speech and remove her Christian viewpoint
- Principal said her speech was too Christianized
- John 15:18
- Luke 10:16
- Pray

Full Surrender

- Four corners
- One foot in and one foot out
- What does the Bible say about not being all in?
- Revelation 3:1-2
- Revelation 3:15-16
- Born again Christian should not be moderate, showing little enthusiasm, lacking conviction, or half-hearted
- What will the world say about us, and more importantly Jesus if they see us living like this?

Thanksgiving

- Abound in Thanksgiving
- Christian life should be one filled with gratitude
- Thankful that God has mercy on us, even on our worst days
- Thankful that NOTHING can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus
- Thankful that we are forgiven, not forsaken (Deuteronomy 31:8)
- Thankful for our daily bread
- Thankful during trials and tribulations (James 1:12)
- Thankful when we stand up for the Gospel and are told no, or rejected
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Action Steps

1. What does it look like for me to be alive in Christ? Practice spiritual disciplines more, ask questions, come to coffee house? Different for everyone.
2. Are there any convictions or steps of obedience the Lord is putting on your heart? How is He calling you to live? Pray about this. He will reveal himself.
3. Write a list of 5 things you are thankful for each day this week and share it with someone