“Rooted In Christ and Established In Your Faith”

Colossians 2:6-7 Sunday January 7, 2024

COMMUNION SUNDAY

## INTRODUCTION READ Colossians 2:1-23

“The Sufficiency of Christ: Christianity Centered in Christ”

Warning Against Persuasive Arguments Other Than Christ 2:4-5

Commanding Forth Active Movements More Of Christ 2:6-7

1. Our Present Christian Walk In the Lord Jesus Christ 2:6
2. Beginning Truths In Our Present Christian Walk

 “Therefore as you received Christ Jesus the Lord . . .”

 Source of Spiritual Progress in the Christian Life Is the Lord

did you notice the emphasis of the full title, name, and position

acknowledging Who He Is & affirming Who He Is cf. Colossians 1:3-4

Hence it is plain that Paul here confronts the different forms of Colossian heresy about the Person of Christ (the recognition of the historical Jesus in his actual humanity against the Gnostics, the identity of the Christ or Messiah with this historical Jesus against the Judaizers, and the acknowledgment of him as Lord). “As therefore ye received the Christ (the Messiah), Jesus the Lord.” A. T. Robertson

1. Taking Steps In Our Present Christian Walk 2:6b

 “ . . . *so* walk in Him . . .” “in Him walk” Present Active Imperative

 Course of Spiritual Progress In the Christian Life Is the Lord

first command in this letter to this church—point of evaluation

living our life in Christ Jesus the Lord in all aspects

living your life in light of the Person of Jesus not just thrown in

1. Our Present Christian Faith In the Lord Jesus Christ 2:7
2. Showing Our Christian Faith In The Work of the Lord Jesus
3. Having The Christian Faith In the Person of the Lord Jesus

 four participles describing the character of present Christian faith

1. Christian Faith Shown by Your Growth In Christ Jesus the Lord 2:7a

“ . . . having been firmly rooted . . .” “firmly established”

 “to build or construct something on some specified location”

1. Christian Faith Shown by Your Strength In Christ Jesus the Lord 2:7b

##  “ . . . and being built up in Him . . .”

 and being built upon Him

## Just as the great tree is deep-rooted in the soil and draws its nourishment from it, so the Christian is rooted in Christ, the source of his life and strength. Just as the house stands fast because it is built on strong foundations, so the Christian life is resistant to any storm because it is founded on the strength of Christ. Christ is alike the source of the Christian’s life and the foundation of his stability. Barclay's Daily Study Bible

1. Christian Faith Shown by Your Faith In Christ Jesus the Lord 2:7c

“. . .and having been established in your faith. . .” cf. 1:4, 23; 2:5

 “and being strengthened in the faith just as you were instructed”

1. Christian Faith Shown by Your Thankfulness In Christ Jesus the Lord 2:7c

“ . . . *and* abounding with thanksgiving.” Present Active Participle

 “overflowing in thanksgiving” be present in abundance

Notice that Paul considers this to be a hallmark of the Christian life. When he describes what it is to live and walk in the Lord, he includes growing, believing, and thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a hallmark of the spiritual life. And so ingratitude always points to a spiritual deficiency. Ligon Duncan

CONCLUSION Rooted In Christ and Established In Your Faith

1. Making Your Daily Christian Walk More About Christ Jesus the Lord
2. Walking in Christ Jesus the Lord So That Others Will Walk With Him also
3. Having the teaching about Christ Jesus the Lord with other believers
4. Seeing Others Being Built Up in Christ Jesus the Lord through instruction
5. Repenting of All Sins Which Hinder Our Growth, Strength, Faith, and Thankfulness in Christ