

## OUTLINE

### The Roots, the Shoots and the Fruits: Colossians 2:6-7

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Colossians 2:6-7 ESV

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- how important are \_\_\_\_\_ to a plant?

- They are very important!

- on a blog called “easytogrowbulbs.com” the author explains the importance of roots in plants!

*I get funny looks when I shop at the garden center. I think it is when I tip the plant out of its pot to get a good look at the roots before I decide which to buy. But this is absolutely key to determining the health and vitality of the plant for sale. Disregard the lush top growth and number of flowers. To evaluate the health and long term performance of a plant - it is all about the roots.*

*The roots of a plant have several important functions. The roots anchor the plant in place, resisting the forces of wind and running water or mud flow. The root system takes in oxygen, water and nutrients from the soil, to move them up through the plant to the stems, leaves and blooms. Roots often store the energies created by the plant through photosynthesis, to make them available to the plant as it is needed. Plant roots also stimulate and support microorganisms in the soil that benefit plant life.*

- to make things simple for everyone who does not care about plants or gardening, the roots are essential for plant \_\_\_\_\_ and health!

- in this passage we hear about being \_\_\_\_\_ and established in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

- how important is it to be rooted in Jesus Christ as a Christian?

- Absolutely essential

- Paul later comments about the importance of being connected or \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ in Colossians 2

**Colossians 2:19** and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and \_\_\_\_\_ together through its joints and ligaments, \_\_\_\_\_ with a growth that is from God.

- when we are not connected or rooted in Christ we will never \_\_\_\_\_

- if we are not \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, and buy into dangerous earthly ideas, we metaphorically wither up and \_\_\_\_\_!

- Paul writes Colossians 2:6-7 to remind these believers of “the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity”

- Paul started out this \_\_\_\_\_ thanking God for His grace and \_\_\_\_\_ given to this church (Colossians 1:3)
- Paul stated that he continued in \_\_\_\_\_ for this church (Colossians 1:9)
- in Colossians 1:24-29 Paul speaks about his ministry of preaching and teaching that he consistently carries out as he serves \_\_\_\_\_ the churches
- Paul was not afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- in Colossians 2:1-5 Paul writes about how he personally \_\_\_\_\_ for the Colossian and Laodicean church
- now we enter a new section Colossians 2:6- 4:6 which focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_ and gospel \_\_\_\_\_!

#### Outline:

- 1) (2:6a) The Roots
- 2) (2:6b) The Shoots
- 3) (2:7) The Fruits

#### 1) (2:6a) The Roots

**(2:6a) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,**

- the all-important \_\_\_\_\_ “therefore” is used
- we need to establish what the “therefore” is \_\_\_\_\_ for
- “therefore” reminds us of what Paul has said in Colossians \_\_\_\_ and 2:5!

**Colossians 2:2** that their \_\_\_\_\_ may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,

**Colossians 2:5** For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

- Paul desires that their \_\_\_\_\_ be encouraged by the Word of God
- Paul encourages \_\_\_\_\_ in this Colossian church
- Paul encourages that they have the full understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ
- Paul rejoices that they have a firmness of \_\_\_\_\_
- because Paul desires to see that they are \_\_\_\_\_ in their faith he exhorts them to continue in the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- Paul \_\_\_\_\_ them that they have received Christ Jesus the Lord!
- this could be translated “since you have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ as Lord”
- this means that how they “received” Jesus Christ was “as the \_\_\_\_\_”

- therefore Paul is teaching that they \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as their personal \_\_\_\_\_ or master!
- those who have received Jesus Christ as Lord are those who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to Jesus Christ
- if you \_\_\_\_\_ to have received Jesus Christ as Lord and you go and do your own thing, then you should really evaluate if you have \_\_\_\_\_ received Jesus Christ as Lord
- if you have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ as Lord, then He is your \_\_\_\_\_ and you follow Him!

- What does it mean that Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_?
- Paul has already spoken about Jesus Christ being Lord in the great \_\_\_\_\_ found in Colossians 1:15-20

1) Jesus is the sovereign Lord over all \_\_\_\_\_! (Colossians 1:15-17)

- Jesus reflects the image of God-because Jesus is God
- God created all things through Jesus Christ
- God created all things for Jesus Christ
- therefore all creation has a purpose and that purpose is to honor and serve Jesus Christ
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ before all things and was with God the Father in the beginning
- Jesus holds all of God's creation together

2) Jesus is the sovereign Lord over the \_\_\_\_\_

- this means that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church
- the church is to get her direction and guidance from Jesus Christ

3) Jesus is the sovereign Lord over \_\_\_\_\_

- this means that salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ found in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ
- the early apostles preached this message very clearly in the book of \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 4:12** And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- when Paul talks about receiving the Lord Jesus, he is referring to the Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in Colossians
- if this is not the Jesus you received and not the Jesus you are \_\_\_\_\_ for, then you have not received the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Jesus Christ!

- I remember seeing a \_\_\_\_\_ dollar bill on a table and someone grabbed it with excitement only to realize that when they picked it up they found on the other side that it was a cheap trick of an advertisement for a plumber

- that is what the \_\_\_\_\_ lords do for people, they offer a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of joy and excitement but the false lord leaves people with serious \_\_\_\_\_
- how annoying would it be if I gave you what appeared to be a \$100 bill and then you realized that it was only a \_\_\_\_\_ with an advertisement for my favorite plumber on the back?
- you would be disappointed and let down!
- same with those who \_\_\_\_\_ a fake Jesus not found in the Word of God, they are and will be let down!

- “receiving” Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ or the foundation of what it means to be a Christian - when you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ as Lord it requires these steps:
  - you acknowledge that God has made you for Jesus
  - but you also acknowledge that you have not lived for God and have rebelled against God
  - your sin has created a serious problem for you because sin puts you at odds with God
  - that is why Jesus had to shed His blood upon the Cross thus making \_\_\_\_\_ with God
  - Jesus brought restoration to repair our \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship with God
  - we \_\_\_\_\_ God’s grace, we acknowledge that we need Christ’s work to restore us back to God!
  - to receive Christ is to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and trust Him and His work for us!

## 2) (2:6b) The Shoots

(2:6b) so walk in him,

- if you have received Jesus Christ as Lord then you must \_\_\_\_\_ in Him
- since Jesus Christ has forgiven all your sin, and you have received the Holy Spirit and the Lord has given you \_\_\_\_\_ life then you are \_\_\_\_\_ to walk in Jesus Christ

- Paul prayed earlier that they would walk in a \_\_\_\_\_ that pleases the Lord

**Colossians 1:9** And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,<sup>10</sup> so as to \_\_\_\_\_ in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

- this “walk” word means more than just going for a walk
- walking in Christ means that you \_\_\_\_\_ your life for Christ
- if you walk in sin, you \_\_\_\_\_ in sin or carry out sin in your life
- here Paul is teaching what a \_\_\_\_\_ follower of Jesus looks like
- if you have experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ you will \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ by walking in Christ
- and you will live your life in \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ
- I do not know how we got here in the Canadian church but there is a large amount of church goers that claim to have received the grace of Jesus Christ or claim to be Christian but they do \_\_\_\_\_ follow the Lord Jesus Christ
- really there are many Canadian church goers who have not truly understood the grace of God at all
- Paul addresses the \_\_\_\_\_ of cheap grace & the need to live in the Lord Jesus in Romans 6!

**Romans 6:1-4** What shall we say then? Are we to \_\_\_\_\_ in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

- grace has been received and we have \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, let us not live in sin any longer!

- this command “to walk in Jesus Christ” is the \_\_\_\_\_ command in the book of Colossians

- and what follows this command “to walk in Jesus Christ” are many \_\_\_\_\_ commands as Paul fleshes out what it means to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ

- what does it mean to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him?

Colossians 2:8 focus upon Jesus Christ and do not be \_\_\_\_\_ by human philosophy

- Paul calls them to be focused on \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts

**Colossians 3:1-2** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are \_\_\_\_\_, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

- they are to put to \_\_\_\_\_ sin, they are commanded to stop sinning

**Colossians 3:5** Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

- they are commanded to put \_\_\_\_\_ sin

**Colossians 3:8** But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

- these are just a few \_\_\_\_\_ that Paul gives to these Christians that helps us understand what it means to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!

- the “shoots” in this passage are living for Jesus Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Him!

### 3) (2:7) The Fruits

‘rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

- Paul lays out \_\_\_\_\_ fruits of those who have received Jesus Christ the Lord and who are walking in Him!

- note that these fruits are \_\_\_\_\_ of God in our life!

#### 1) Rooted in Him

- those who have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ as Lord and who are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus Christ will be \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

- this is a passive verb meaning that God \_\_\_\_\_ you in Jesus Christ

- this word “rooted” means to be \_\_\_\_\_ fixed

- one of the purposes of \_\_\_\_\_ is to keep the plant established or firmly \_\_\_\_\_ in the ground so it can grow

- let us \_\_\_\_\_ that our lives would have \_\_\_\_\_ roots in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ

- for those of you who garden you know that crab grass and thistles have great \_\_\_\_\_
- you know that the root structures on those weeds makes it very hard to get them out of your garden
- pray that your life would have these kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ
- be rooted in Jesus Christ by \_\_\_\_\_ yourself daily of His gospel, His death and hope of the resurrection

## 2) Built Up in Him

- those who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and who are walking in the Lord Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ up in Jesus Christ
- being built upon has the idea of having a \_\_\_\_\_ or sure foundation
- this verb is passive meaning that \_\_\_\_\_ builds us into a strong foundation
- when you build a house you do not build it upon sand, you make sure that there is a \_\_\_\_\_ foundation
- one of my favourite construction failure stories is a mansion in Leamington
- they built this mansion on a poor foundation and on unstable sand of all things
- guess what?... the house and foundation shifted and they needed to do massive repairs on the whole house
- let us build our lives upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ and His Word not on sinking sand!

## 3) Strengthened in the faith, just as you were taught

- those who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and who are walking in the Lord Jesus Christ will be \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith
- note that this is a passive verb and thus God is \_\_\_\_\_ them
- by the Spirit of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God people become rock \_\_\_\_\_ in their faith in Jesus Christ
- do you remember the \_\_\_\_\_ that Paul gave to the Corinthians about the work of God establishing them?

**1 Corinthians 1:7-8** so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- \_\_\_\_\_ establishes his people to the \_\_\_\_\_; this is God's work!

## 4) Abounding in thanksgiving

- those who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and who are walking in the Lord Jesus Christ will be \_\_\_\_\_ with thankfulness
- thankfulness is a \_\_\_\_\_ characteristic of a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ
- but sometimes we, even \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, want to complain and we forget all the blessings that we \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ
- \_\_\_\_\_ to God is a huge theme in Colossians
- we are to \_\_\_\_\_ God for His work of Grace among us just like Paul does for the Colossians (Colossians 1:3)

- we are to thank God for His \_\_\_\_\_ of Grace among us because he enables us to be a part of the kingdom of Jesus Christ
- we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ because of the reconciliation that \_\_\_\_\_ has given us through means of His death upon the Cross
- we are to do all things for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and give thanks to the Father through Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:17)
- indeed there is much to be thankful for but we can get so easily \_\_\_\_\_ by situations that happen in our life and become ungrateful and \_\_\_\_\_

## Application

### 1) Have You Received Jesus Christ as Lord?

- have you \_\_\_\_\_ the good news of Jesus Christ?
- do you see Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_?
- Is Jesus is your \_\_\_\_\_?
- Paul preached not himself but Jesus Christ as \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 4:5)

- Jesus came to earth to make \_\_\_\_\_ between us and God
- we, because of our sin, have created this \_\_\_\_\_ between us and God
- Paul is clear about our \_\_\_\_\_ in Colossians

**Colossians 1:21** And you, who once were alienated and \_\_\_\_\_ in mind, doing evil deeds,

**Colossians 2:13** And you, who were dead in your trespasses

- but Jesus is Lord and dies in our place so that we can have \_\_\_\_\_ and escape \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus dies as our substitute so we can be \_\_\_\_\_ from the consequences of our sins
- if you know that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ your Lord right now, then you are \_\_\_\_\_ in sin and you are separated from God
- but you can, right \_\_\_\_\_, cry out to the Lord Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus so that He can save you
- Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ helps us understand this receiving of Jesus as Lord!

**Psalms 13:5-6** But I have \_\_\_\_\_ in your steadfast love; my heart shall \_\_\_\_\_ in your salvation. <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

- put your \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus and receive Him
- let your heart be \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus
- and praise the Lord for how He has \_\_\_\_\_ bountifully with sinful people
- see Jesus as a \_\_\_\_\_ because what we deserve is death but Jesus Christ offers life, \_\_\_\_\_ and joy!
- if you are a Christian or follower of Jesus already, \_\_\_\_\_ receiving Jesus Christ
- \_\_\_\_\_, cry out to Him saying, "Jesus I \_\_\_\_\_ you and your grace!"
- daily, \_\_\_\_\_ yourself that Jesus is the sovereign Lord over all the universe and the sovereign Lord over your salvation

## 2) Are You Living for Christ?

- if you \_\_\_\_\_ to have received Jesus Christ as Lord, are you \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ?
- I have met people who \_\_\_\_\_ they made a profession of faith so they say they are a Christian; they believe they are going to heaven
- but they \_\_\_\_\_ nothing to do with that Jesus that they accepted
- they have no \_\_\_\_\_ to live for Him
- if you want \_\_\_\_\_ to do with the Jesus you accepted then you did not \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus
- these people do not have \_\_\_\_\_ because they do not have \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ

- Paul has a very sobering \_\_\_\_\_ for us at the end of 2 Corinthians!

**2 Corinthians 13:5** Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the test!

- some people think it is \_\_\_\_\_ to even question yourself if you are a Christian but we have a clear \_\_\_\_\_ from Paul to do so!
- are you \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ or are you only professing Him and then living for yourself!
- the \_\_\_\_\_ of a follower of Jesus Christ are outlined in Colossians 2:7!
- Jesus Christ is the foundation of their life and He is their \_\_\_\_\_!
- they are established in Jesus Christ
- they are firmly fixed on \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord, Jesus Christ is at the center of all that they do
- they continue to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and they \_\_\_\_\_ hearing sermons about Jesus, they love getting into the Bible to read about Jesus, they love having fellowship with other Jesus followers
- finally, they \_\_\_\_\_ with thankfulness
- maybe you have \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and you have come to the conclusion that you are not what you \_\_\_\_\_ to be!
- praise the Lord that realization is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Holy Spirit pointing you to Jesus Christ
- \_\_\_\_\_ of us walk in the Lord like we ought to, that is why we \_\_\_\_\_ to continually receive Jesus Christ
- we need to \_\_\_\_\_ His Grace daily because we sin \_\_\_\_\_
- Daily, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of the work of Christ, His death and His resurrection because \_\_\_\_\_ we need the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel in our \_\_\_\_\_!

*Next Week:*

- *Colossians 2:8-12*
- *Prepare your heart for communion*