

Recap

In Colossians 2:6-7, Paul encourages the Colossian believers to hold fast to Christ and His gospel in light of opposition from false teachers. He instructs them to walk in Christ, standing firm, having been rooted and built up in Him. He reminds them that even now they continue to be built up in Christ and that they know the truth and that they are to walk in a life of overflowing thankfulness for Jesus Christ.

Understanding the Text

1. What, according to Paul, is the believer's motivation for obedience?
2. What two metaphors does Paul use to describe our relationship with Christ in this passage and what do they mean?
3. What is the relationship between an established faith and proper doctrine?
4. What part does thankfulness play in the life of the believer? Why might Paul have called the Colossians to it when faced with false doctrine?

Practical Application

1. Has the form of world's opposition changed since you were first saved? Are you tempted to fold to the prevailing ideology or are you walking in Christ?
2. How can you better walk in the truth that you have received?
3. How can you encourage others to stand firm in the gospel in which they were instructed?
4. What will it look like for you to instruct others in the gospel so that they too may have this hope?
5. How can you show reflective gratitude for receiving Christ?

God has more to say

In Colossians 2:6-7, we see the themes of receiving Christ, being rooted in Christ, built up in Him, and perseverance amid opposition. Here are some related texts to help you meditate on this passage of scripture:

- Ps. 52:8- But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;
- I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.
- Psalm 92:12–15- The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green, To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
- 1 Cor. 3:9- For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

- Matt. 10:40- He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.
- John. 1:12- But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,
- Eph. 2:19-22- So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.
- Ephesians 3:17- So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love
- Eph. 4:20-21- But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus
- Heb. 3:14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end