
As you Received Christ...So live...rooted in Him

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Lean In

1. As a child, what did you think a “religious” person was like? How did you feel about that person?

Look Down

Read Colossians 2:6-7;

2. What does “receive Christ” in your heart mean? According to Romans 8:9 and Colossians 1:27, what is the distinguishing mark of a Christian? What assurance do these verses give us to live the Christian like with confidence?
3. According to Colossians 2:6, how did the Colossians receive Christ? How did you receive Him? What led you to that decision and what state of mind or heart were you in?
4. What is the relationship between receiving Christ and continuing to live and to walk with Him? How did Paul admonish the Colossians in verse 6 to live in Him? What place is Christ to have in our hearts when we receive Him and then go on walking with Him? Why is the Lordship of Jesus so important? See Philippians 2:9-11
5. What are false grounds for claiming to be a Christian?
See for example Ephesians 2:8-9; Matthew 7:21-23; Acts 19:1-5; any other false grounds?
6. Living and growing in the Christian life is likened to a tree in terms of its roots and fruitfulness.
 - a. What does this analogy teach us about how to be rooted and built up in Christ?
 - b. Where does our daily food, that strengthens our roots in Him, come from? See Matthew 4:4; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 3:17
 - c. Why are strong roots important? See Matthew 13:6; Col 2:8; Hebrews 4:12
 - d. What do deep and healthy roots produce? Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:5
7. Paul also admonishes the Colossians to be “strengthened in faith” verse 2 and in Colossians 3:16 Paul tells them to “let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly”. How is faith related to the Word? See Romans 10:17; What does “dwell” indicate? How does other Scripture describe this? See for example Psalm 1:2b; Psalm 119:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; Joshua 1:8
8. Why is “Overflowing with thankfulness” Colossians 2:7 such an important aspect to growth and the Christian life? What does a grateful heart imply? See 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Look Out

9. In contrast to your childhood understanding of what a “religious” person is, what does it look like to you now, in your workplace, neighborhood, friendships?

Look In

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10. Prayerfully examine yourself to see if you are in the faith - 2 Corinthians 13:5. Confide with someone in your group and pray for one another.
 11. Ask the Lord for a deeper walk with Him, and listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
 12. Express your thankfulness to Christ for what he has done in you. What would it look like to practice “overflowing with thankfulness” daily. Set aside some time each day to express your thankfulness to Christ and share with the group how it has affected you.
 13. As you contemplate taking the Rooted classes pray that the Lord will reveal Himself to you and give you personal experiences of His love.