

*Continue to Live in Him**Col. 2:6-15*

*"Rooted is an agricultural word. The tense of the Greek word means "once and for all having been rooted." Christians are not to be tumbleweeds that have no roots and are blown about by "every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:14). Nor are they to be "transplants" that are repeatedly moved from soil to soil. Once we are rooted by faith in Christ, there is not need to change the soil! The roots draw up the nourishment so that the tree can grow. The roots also give strength and stability... Built up is an architectural term. It is in the present tense: "being built up." When we trust Christ to save us, we are put on the foundation; from then on, we grow in grace." Warren Wiersbe*

- I. When we received Christ Jesus as Lord, our souls took root in his heart so that he could build us up, establish us and strengthen us to live well for him in this sin sick evil world system. Our responsibility is to continue to live in him so that he who began a good work in us can carry it on until he calls us home to be with him (Phil. 1:6).

Col. 2:6-7

1 Cor. 15:3-5

- II. When we received Christ Jesus as Lord, we became responsible toward keeping ourselves rooted and built up in the truth of the Scriptures. We put ourselves in danger of being deceived by Satan's hollow and deceptive philosophy about the true meaning of life in Christ, when we become spiritually lazy toward letting His Word actively live<sup>1</sup> in our hearts (Heb. 4:12).

Col. 2:8

1 Jn. 5:19-20

*"We need to realize that there are far more cults and false teaching today than in Paul's time and we need to be even more vigilant to identify half-truths and outright lies coming from modern pulpits." Grant Osborne*

- III. When we received Christ Jesus as Lord, we were given everything we need to keep us strong in the faith (2 Peter 1:3). He has not only given us his indwelling, he has also taken away the power of sin over our hearts. If we choose to embrace the ways of this world, i.e., the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what he has and does (1 Jn. 2:15-17), we put ourselves in the precarious position of being deceived by the hollow and deceptive philosophies of Satan.

Col. 2:9-12  
Gen. 17:10-11  
Eph. 4:22-24  
Rom. 6:3-5

**Gal. 5:24** *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passion and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

- IV. When we received Christ Jesus as Lord, we were made alive with Christ. His victory over Satan, sin and death became our victory. Why would we embrace anyone or any teaching that is apposed to him and the inerrancy of his Word? To do so is to treat cheaply the cost of his grace toward us.

Col. 2:13-15

**Romans 16: 19-20** *Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.*