

In Him; Colossians 2:6-7

- I. Identity
 - a. Who are we?
 - i. Do we find our identity in our jobs?
 - ii. Do we find our identity in our hobbies?
 - b. Who should we be?
 - c. Colossians 2:6–7 (ESV) ⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- II. Walk in Him
 - a. To walk is to conduct your life
 - b. Rooted in Him
 - i. A tree's roots dig deep into the ground gaining nourishment and sustenance
 - ii. A tree without deep roots falls over in the storm
 - iii. For a Christian, rooted means we gain our spiritual nourishment from Jesus
 - iv. Since our spiritual nutrient comes from Jesus, we have to know Him
 - v. 2 Peter 3:17–18 (ESV) ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
 - vi. A Christian without deep roots is carried away and loses their stability
 - c. Built up in Him
 - i. A construction metaphor
 - ii. Christ is the cornerstone, and the Apostles are the foundation
 - iii. Ephesians 2:19–22 (ESV) ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
 - iv. We build ourselves on the Apostles' and prophets' foundation which is the Word of God
 - d. Established in the Faith (in Him)
 - i. To put something beyond doubt, settled
 - ii. Doubting leads to instability, being carried away
 - iii. Hebrews 13:9 (ESV) ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.
 - e. When the storm comes, we must be rooted, built up, and established in Him, or we risk being swept away by the raging winds of fear and despair
- III. Deity Dwells in Him

- a. Colossians 2:8–9 (ESV) ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
- b. God walked this earth in the form of a human (His creation) in His Son, Jesus, the Messiah
 - i. John 1:1 (ESV) ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - ii. John 1:14 (ESV) ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - iii. Our God is so concerned with us (His creation) that He walked this earth as a human (us) experiencing everything we experience
 - iv. Hebrews 4:15 (ESV) ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
 - v. In our society, the best leaders are almost always the ones who came up from the bottom (humanity is not the bottom)
 - vi. Jesus shows us the best leadership characteristic, humility
 - vii. Philippians 2:5–8 (ESV) ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

c. The “whole fullness of deity” (God) dwells in Him

IV. Filled in Him

- a. Colossians 2:10 (ESV) ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.
- b. Some Bible versions use the word ‘complete’ instead of ‘filled.’
 - i. And while that is true, Christ completes us, it is also true that we are filled with (in) Him
 - ii. Romans 8:9–11 (ESV) ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
 - iii. The Heavenly Father, the Creator, The Covenant God, The God Who Sees, The God Who Provides, The God Who is our Refuge, The God Who Heals, The God Who is our Peace, the Great Shepherd, The Ever-Present God lives in us!
- c. Jesus is the head of all rule, of all authority

d. We should be in awe that such power would choose such brokenness in which to dwell

V. Who Are We?

a. What is our identity?

b. It is not in our profession or hobbies

c. It is in Christ