# Rooted in Christ: Your Firm Foundation! Rooted: Standing Strong with Purpose in an Unstable World, Pt. 1

Colossians 2:6-7, John 15:4-5, 1 Corinthians 3:11

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**Colossians 2:6,** So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **7** rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

**Ephesians 2:8,** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

**2 Corinthians 5:17,** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, <u>the new is here!</u>

**1 Corinthians 3:11,** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is <u>Jesus Christ</u>.

<u>John 15:18</u>, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first."

#### Jesus Is Our Firm Foundation When We...

#### 1. Remember Who We Are — OUR IDENTITY

<u>Colossians 2:6,</u> So then, just as you <u>received Christ Jesus as Lord...</u>

1 Peter 2:9, But you are a <u>chosen people</u>, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now <u>you are the people of God</u>; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<u>Galatians 2:20</u>, I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but <u>Christ lives in me</u>. The life I now live in the body, I live by <u>faith</u> in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

#### 2. Stay Connected to the Source — <u>JESUS</u>

<u>Colossians 2:6</u>, So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, <u>continue to live your lives in him</u>,

**John 15:4,** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Matthew 7:24, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and <u>puts them into practice</u> is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand."

## 3. Keep Growing Stronger in Our Faith — ROOTED

Colossians 2:7, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught...

John 14:25, "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

**Ephesians 3:16,** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through <u>faith</u>. And I pray that you, being <u>rooted</u> and established in love,

### 4. Let Our Gratitude Overflow — THANKFULNESS

Colossians 2:7, ... and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 3:15, Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

<u>1Thessalonians 5:16</u>, Rejoice always, **17** pray continually, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

<u>Psalm 107:1</u>, Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.