

COLOSSIANS – 2:7-8

“Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”

- Colossians 2:7

1. 2:7 – Stablished in the Faith

- a. The Colossians were not rooted in Christ – Col 1:23
- b. Shaken by every wind – Eph 4:12-14, Rom 16:18
- c. Being rooted requires understanding God’s instructions – Psa 1:3, Jer 17:7-8
- d. Not emotionalism/sensationalism - not “follow your heart” - Prov 28:26, Jer 17:9
- e. Zeal is good but only with knowledge – Gal 4:18, Rom 10:2
- f. Stablished *def.* – To be stable, to fix, to make permanent
- g. This requires the word of God → Rom 1:11, 10:17, 16:25, 2 Tim 2:2, Eph 1:7

2. Abounding in Thanksgiving

- a. The power of God is a message – Rom 1:16
- b. Our walk (our next step) in Christ is to learn again the first things – 2 Cor 9:8-11
- c. Won’t God give us all things? → Rom 8:32, Phil 4:19, 1 Cor 3:21
- d. Bountiful *def.* – Free to give, generous, disposed to give
- e. We know how to abound in Christ - Phil 4:11-13
- f. Thanksgiving abounds from obligation of things already done – 2 Cor 5:14-15

3. 2:8 – Beware!

- a. Beware, used also in Phil 3:2 → those trying to take away their liberty Gal 2:4
- b. They desire to glory in your flesh - Gal 6:12-13
- c. Spoil *def.* – to plunder, to rob, to seize
- d. Christians are robbed of the richness of the knowledge of God by ...
- e. Philosophy – the love of wisdom, reasoning, etc.
- f. Man’s thoughts are not God’s thoughts – Isa 55:8-9, Rom 11:33-34
- g. Where is the wise? – Preaching saves, not wisdom - 1 Cor 1:18-21
- h. Professing wisdom they made a foolish declaration – Rom 1:22

4. A New Foundation

- a. You need to break from the worlds rudiments – Gal 4:8-11
- b. Rudiments (first things) – You are a new creature – 2 Cor 5:17
- c. No other foundation but... 1 Cor 3:11