

## Deepening Your Roots | Sermon Guide | Colossians 2:6-2:15

Read Colossians 2:6-7. Many commentators believe that this is the theme of the entire book, sort of like the hinge point of Colossians. On the faith side, the Colossians had received Christ Jesus as Lord and had been taught the faith. On the practice side, they needed to continue to live in Him and be built up in Him, becoming strengthened in their faith and overflowing with thankfulness. *Are we sometimes like this in our faith? What is our discipleship like? Do we need to deepen our roots?*

Consider the 6 images Paul uses;

1. Soldier. *"...to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is."*

We're not to battle against each other, but to do battle with each other as we serve side-by-side.

2. Power Walker. *"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him,"*

This indicates continuous action we are to continue to live in Him. Our worship should affect our walk and our practice must conform to our principles.

3. Tree. *"once and for all having been rooted."*

We must go deep with Christ in order to find the fuel we need to flourish, and in order to withstand the storms of life. *Consider Jeremiah 17:8*

4. Building. *"being built up in him."*

Read Ephesians 2:20. The Christian life is not meant to be a one or two-story house, but rather a skyscraper that just keeps going up!

5. Student. *"strengthened in the faith as you were taught."*

We're to be students in God's graduate school so that our faith can be strengthened, or established.

6. River. *"overflowing with thankfulness."*

If you don't feel very thankful today, it's probably because you've taken your eyes off of Jesus and put them on your problems.

### Be On Guard

Consider verse 8, and the question, what could be wrong with philosophy since it simply means "the love of wisdom"?

No man-made religion can lead to truth, for truth can be found only in Christ. As something hollow, philosophy cannot fill anyone except with more emptiness. By contrast, Colossian 1:25 says that we have received the Word of God in "its fullness" and Colossian 2:2 reminds us that because we know Christ, we have the "full riches of complete understanding." If we put these three verses together we can conclude by saying that a grounded, growing and grateful believer will not be led astray. You don't have to worry about being spiritually kidnapped if you are a soldier, a power walker, a tree, a building, a student, and an overflowing river.