

Walk in Him

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him; Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving”(Col. 2:6-7)

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Christianity is more than a creed; it is living in vital union with Christ, our lives centered in Him. There are several verbs in the above scripture verses which characterize our relationship to God; **Walk---Rooted---Built up.**

First, we are to walk as a Christian---”walk ye in Him.” Walking in Him denotes motion and direction. It involves progress; one doesn’t stand still in a walk. Then the Lord is our companion in our walk; we do not walk alone. Our walk is important; it should match our talk.

Secondly, a Christian is likened to a tree, rooted in Him. If we are to grow upward, our roots must reach downward, nourished in Him. Strong, deep roots in our lives strengthen us against the storms that beat on our lives.

Next, we are to be built up in Him. As it takes time to complete a building, so it is a continuous process to be built up in Him. Stone by stone, brick by brick, our lives are built according to the blueprint God has designed for us.

Walking! Growing! Building! These are steps in our Christian development. **Walking goes ON**----indicating progress day by day. How far have we progressed in our walk with Him? **Roots go DOWN**----indicating inward growth as we reach downward and nourish ourselves in His Word. Are we being strengthened by feeding daily on His Word? **Building goes UP**----indicating outward growth into His likeness. Can others see Jesus in our Lives?

Going forward---growing inwardly and revealing Him outwardly---this is our privilege. **“As you have therefore received the Christ, (even) Jesus the Lord, (so) walk -----REGULATE YOUR LIVES and conduct yourselves----in union with and conformity to Him. Have the roots (of your being) firmly and deeply planted (in Him)---fixed and found in Him----being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 2:6-7).**