

Putting Christ First: Rooted, Built, & Established

Colossians 2:4-7

Paul's Concern (v. 4-5)

- Paul's reason for laying out his love and ministry for the Church is to fight against:
 - False teachings
 - *Pithanologia*: "arguments that sound reasonable"
 - But are not rooted in the truth of Christ
 - False allegations
 - Against Paul as a minister of the Gospel

Keep Walking (v. 6-7)

- Since we have received Jesus as:
 - Christ: Savior
 - Lord: King
- We need to live out that reality
- We live this out by being:
 - Rooted in Christ: a horticultural metaphor
 - Like a tree needs to be rooted deeply in the soil
 - We need to be rooted deeply in the person of Jesus in order to grow
 - Built up in Christ: a construction metaphor
 - Adding to the firm foundation that has been laid
 - Both the foundation and what is built upon it is centered in Jesus Himself (1 Cor. 3:10-15)
 - Established in the faith: a legal metaphor
 - Like an argument with solid reasoning
 - Unlike the false teaching which merely sounds reasonable
- All these metaphors are passive
 - Meaning that it is God who is doing the work in us
 - Our faith is built upon the person of Jesus
- And since this all comes as a gift, it should lead us to thanksgiving

So What?

- Who we are is based in what and who we believe
- Our lives need to be found and defined in Jesus
- Are we rooted, built up, and established in Him?

Meditation Verse: Colossians 2:6-7