

Becoming Rooted in Christ

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Being rooted in Christ involves digging deeply into the things and Person of Jesus Christ whereby we can stand amid life's storms as they batter us. Holding firmly into Jesus Christ will keep us anchored in the depth of His being and character and keep us from being uprooted by the world.

1. The descriptions of being rooted in Christ

To be *Rooted in Christ* means to connect our lives firmly into the life of Jesus Christ. Rooted in Christ is characterized by finding our stability, strength, and success in all that Jesus Christ is, has done, is doing, and will do for and through us.

Explanation/rooted in Col. 2:7: This word (Greek: *rhizoo*) means *to fix firmly, be strengthened, to become stable, "to be established, conceived of as if a plant being or becoming fixed in the ground"*.¹ The picture in this Greek work is clearly that of a tree planted firmly in the ground so that it can both grow and sustain the blows of life.

Key words: The key words to being rooted are firm, strength, stability, fixed, anchored, steadfastly joined.

2. The development of being rooted in Christ (Col. 2:6)

How does a person become rooted in Christ?

How did you and I become children of God? Through regeneration or the new birth (John 3:3ff). II Cor. 5:17 says that those who are in Christ are new creations. We are reborn into the family of God at the moment of salvation. Adoption is the process whereby based on God's righteousness and holiness we are placed as a believer into that family (Rom. 8:15ff).

Receiving *Jesus Christ the Lord* means we believe by faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of our life. Salvation begins and continues with Jesus Christ. Paul writes here then that salvation starts with faith.

Paul goes on to say that salvation continues in the faith. This doesn't mean that you need to be saved repeatedly. This means that we walk and live by faith. Paul earlier said in 1:10: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." This is done by faith. Heb. 11:6 says "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

- Faith takes hold on and believes in a Person. This is not faith in tradition, the church, religion, or good works. This is faith in Jesus Christ.
- This faith is in Jesus Christ the Lord.
- A person cannot receive Jesus Christ through clear revelation in God's Word and then skip walking with Him. This will lead to spiritual suicide and spiritual babyhood for a lifetime.

Paul is commanding the believer that has received Jesus Christ to behave in His ways. Let our lives be guarded and guided by Jesus Christ. We are not to believe in Jesus Christ and then forsake His divine authority for any human tradition or dominion.

Conclusion

For this New Year, being rooted in Christ is a decision. It is not entered to in casually or nonchalantly. We cannot be indifferent about Jesus Christ. We have to be all in for Him. Otherwise our lives will not take root in Him. Or, our lives will take root but it will not be in the firm foundation of Jesus Christ.

¹ Brannan, R., ed. (2020). In [Lexham Research Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#). Lexham Press.