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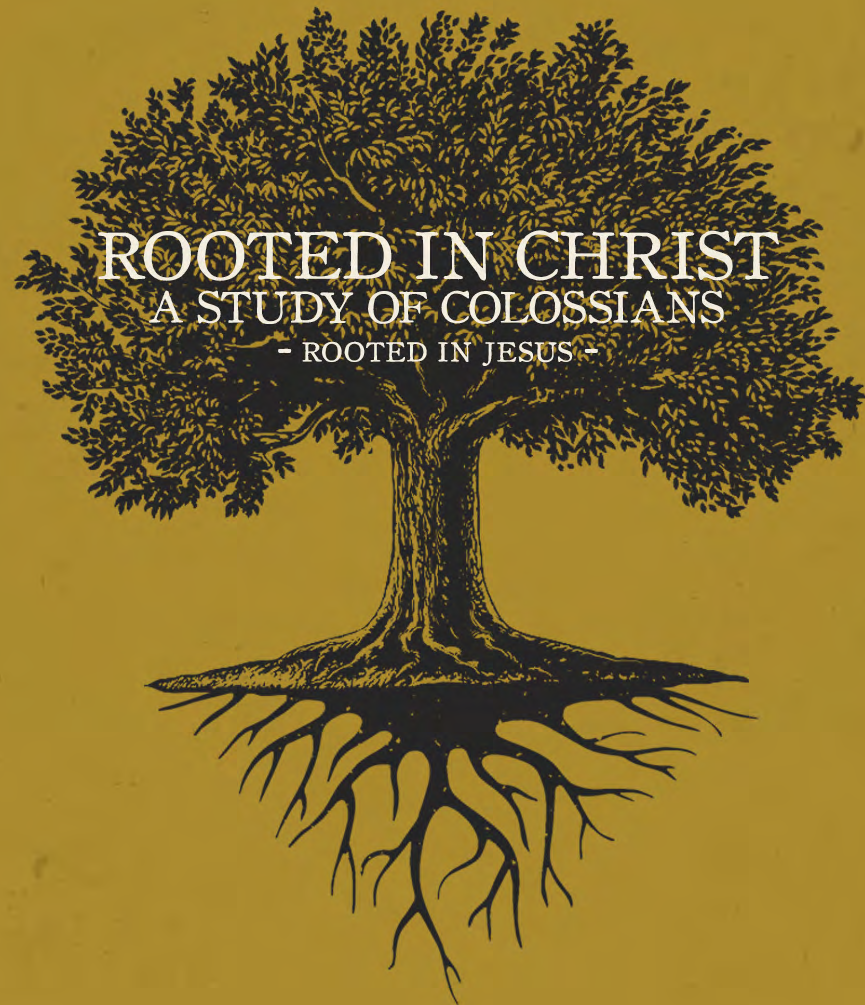












ROOTED IN CHRIST
A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS
- ROOTED IN JESUS -

Colossians 2:1-5

¹ I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.

² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

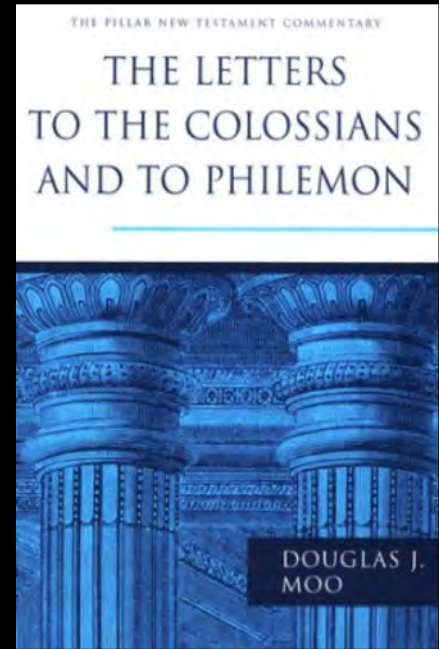
Today's Message:

“Being Rooted: Receive Jesus, Every Day!”

The beginning of the section is marked by a transitional clause, *just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord*, which, particularly in its christological focus, nicely summarizes the opening part of the letter. Paul has spotlighted the person of Christ, ruler of both the old creation and the new (1:15–20), substance of the “*mystery*,” God’s plan for human history (1:27; 2:2), and repository of all wisdom and knowledge (2:3). And he has reminded the Colossians that they have responded to the message about this new Lord of the universe and given themselves to his service (1:5–8, 21–23).

The focus of v. 6, however — and, in a sense, the focus of the entire letter — is the response that Paul now calls on his readers to make: *continue to live your lives in him*.

~ D. J Moo, The letters to the Colossians and to Philemon (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co.) 175 .



Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

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Tradition!!!

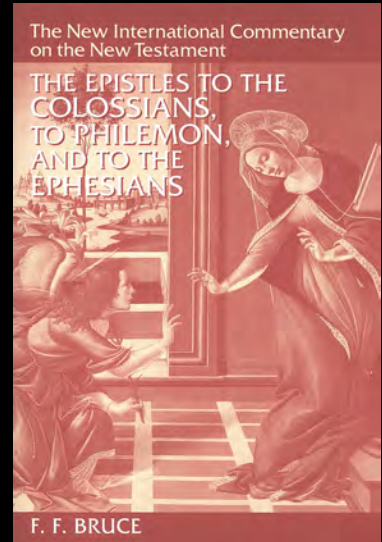
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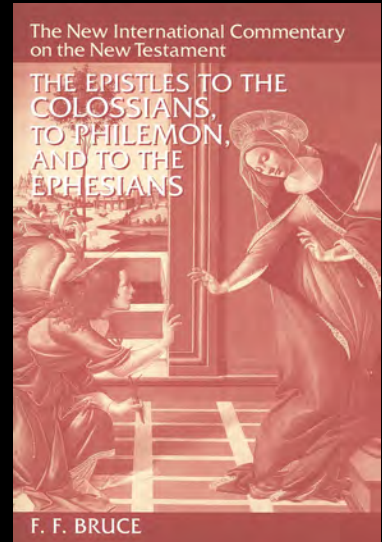
When Paul says that his readers have “received” Christ Jesus as their Lord, he uses the verb which was specifically employed to denote the receiving of something which was delivered by tradition. In other words, the Colossians have received Christ Himself as their “tradition”, and this should prove a sufficient safeguard against following “the tradition of men” (v. 8).

Simpson, E. K., & Bruce, F. F. (1957). (pp. 226-227). Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.



Emphasis is laid on the continuity of the transmission of Christian truth; the teaching which has been delivered to them is identical with the apostolic witness, depending on the supreme authority of Christ, and maintained in purity by the indwelling Spirit of God.

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1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Tradition

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Tradition

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

In keeping with the christological focus of this letter, however, Paul refers here not to the receiving of teaching, or tradition, or the word of God (cf. 1 Thess. 2:13), but of Christ himself (this is the only occurrence of *paralambanō* in Paul with a personal object). To “receive Christ” — in this verse at least — is not only a matter of believing “in” his person; it also involves a commitment to the apostolic teaching about Christ and his significance. This tradition, which the Colossians have heard from the faithful Epaphras (1:7–8), stands in contrast to the “human tradition” of the false teachers (*v.* 8).

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*Receive
Christ*

By alluding to this confession here at a key transitional point in the letter, Paul connects a fundamental expression of what it means to be a Christian with the Christology that he has developed in the earlier part of the letter. “Jesus Christ is Lord” is a succinct way of saying that he is “the image of the invisible God,” “the firstborn over all creation” (1:15), “the head of the body, the church” (1:18), “the mystery of God” (2:2; cf. 1:27), and the repository of “all wisdom and knowledge” (2:3). It is this central confession, with all its varied and far-reaching implications, to which the Colossians need to return in order to ward off the threat of the false teaching.

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Receive

Christ

As Lord

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To honor God by helping as many people as possible become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



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Live Live

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Built Up

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1 Corinthians 3:10-11

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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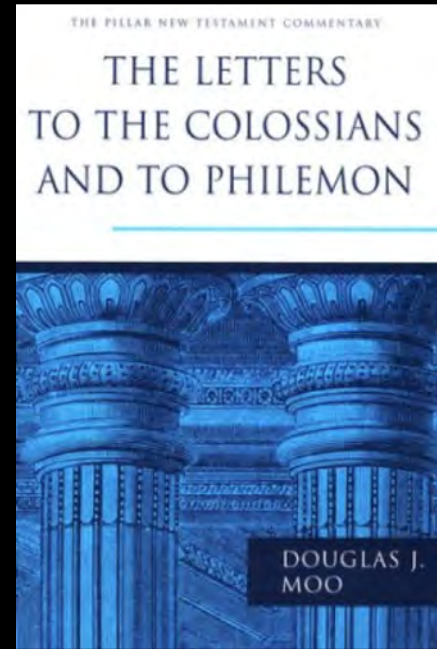
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With this participle, Paul summarizes what he expects to happen as a result of the first two: by sticking to their roots and being built up, the readers will be established in faith.

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Gospel Application

Have you received Christ Jesus as Lord?

What steps can you take to live live?