



Thanksgiving

CELEBRATE GOD'S GOODNESS



Col. 2:6-9

“Why we can abound with Thanksgiving”

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so walk ye in him:

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have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain
deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the
world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

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man’s heart, that man is well nigh hopeless.”*

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I. WALK BY FAITH

Col. 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

A. Consider Reception of Christ – “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord...”

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that **we should walk in them.**

B. Conduct Required for Christians – “...so **walk** ye in him:”

Original Word: περιπατέω

Transliteration: peripateó

Short Definition: I walk, I conduct my life, live.

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Rom. 6:4 “...even so we also should **walk in newness of life.**”

Rom. 13:13 “Let us **walk honestly...**”

2 Cor. 5:7 (For **we walk by faith**, not by sight:)

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Eph. 4:1 “...**walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called,”

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:**

Col. 4:5 **Walk in wisdom** toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

1 Thess. 4:1 “...**ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.**”

1 Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk in darkness**, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we **walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so **to walk, even as he walked.**

2 Jn. 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children **walking in truth**, as we have received a commandment from the Father. ...

6 And **this is love, that we walk after his commandments.** This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

3 Jn. 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children **walk in truth.**

II. WORK ON THE FOUNDATION

Col. 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

A. The Starting Point – “Rooted and built up **in him...**”

Original Word: ἐποικοδομέω

Transliteration: epoikodomeó

Definition: I build upon (above) a foundation.

Properly, *appropriately* build on, following a *plan* with *pre-designed (pre-defined)* specifications.

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1 Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Eph. 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts **by faith**; that ye, being **rooted** and **grounded in love**,

B. To Stabilize Perspective – “...stablished **in the faith**...”

Acts 16:5 And so were the churches established **in the faith**, and increased in number daily.

1 Cor. 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast **in the faith**, quit you like men, be strong.

2 Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be **in the faith**; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

1 Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from **the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Tim. 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept **the faith**:

C. The Staying Points – “...abounding therein with thanksgiving.”

1 Cor. 15:57 But **thanks** *be* to God, which **giveth** us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Col. 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God and the Father by him.

1 Thess. 5:18 In every thing **give thanks**: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Heb. 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips **giving thanks** to his name.

III. WITHSTAND FOES

Col. 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

A. Stay on Watch – “Beware lest any man spoil you...”

B. Sense the Worldliness – “...after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Original Word: στοιχεῖον

Transliteration: stoicheion

Definition: (a) plur: the heavenly bodies, (b) a rudiment, an element, a rudimentary principle, an elementary rule.

Properly, *fundamentals*, like with **the *basic components*** of a philosophy, structure, etc.; (figuratively) "*first principles*," like the basic fundamentals of Christianity.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4747.htm>

Definition – **rudiments**.

The elements or first principles of a subject:

A mere beginning, first slight appearance, or undeveloped or imperfect form of something:

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/rudiment?s=t>

IV. WORSHIP HIS FULNESS

Col. 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

A. The Perpetual Resource – “For in him dwelleth...”

Original Word: κατοικέω

Transliteration: katoikeó

Definition: I dwell in, settle in, am established in (permanently), inhabit.

Properly, settle *down* as a permanent resident, i.e. in a *fixed (permanent)* dwelling place as one's personal residence; (figuratively) "to be *exactly at home*."

[The force of the prefix (*katá*) suggests "*down* to the finest, exact details."]

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B. The Perfect Reflection – “...all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

Original Word: πλήρωμα

Transliteration: pléróma

Short Definition: fullness, fulfillment, completion

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Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God.

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- WALK BY FAITH
- WORK ON THE FOUNDATION
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Psa. 29:2 **Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**