



In Christ

Colossians 2:6 (ESV) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

ROOTED & GROUNDED IN CHRIST

1. Why? The Benefits

- A. Deeper **ASSURANCE**— so you'll be confident in your salvation, not plagued by nagging doubts about where you stand with God
- B. Deeper **JOY**— so you won't miss the heart-swelling encouragement that comes from knowing the richness of Christ
- C. Deeper **MATURITY**— so you won't remain underdeveloped and infantile in your faith
- D. Deeper **STEADFASTNESS**— so you won't be easily swayed by slick teachers spouting "ear-tickling" messages

2. What? The Essentials

KNOW WHO CHRIST IS IN YOU
KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

- A. Know Who Christ is in you— *Christ in you, the Hope of Glory*
 - 1) The Image of God
 - 2) The Firstborn of All Creation
 - 3) The End and Goal of All Creation
 - 4) The Source and Sustainer of Everything
 - 5) The Head of the Church
 - 6) The First and the Firstborn from the Dead
 - 7) The Pre-Eminent One

- 8) The Fullness of God
- 9) The Reconciler and Peace-Maker
- 10) The Treasure Trove of Wisdom and Knowledge
- 11) Our Hope of Glory

- B. Know Who You Are in Christ—Rooted & Built Up in Him
 - 1) **Qualified** to Share in the Inheritance of the Saints
 - 2) **Delivered** from the Domain of Darkness
 - 3) **Transferred** into Jesus' Kingdom
 - 4) **Redeemed** from the Slave Market of Sin
 - 5) **Forgiven** of ALL Sins
 - 6) **Reconciled** to the God You Were Alienated from
 - 7) **Sanctified** Completely at His Coming

Identity Declared by **GOD**
Identity Challenged by **OTHERS**
Identity Reaffirmed in **SCRIPTURE**

3. How? The Pathway

- A. Being well-taught in the **GOSPEL** by faithful ministers
- B. Becoming well-equipped in Christ through ongoing **DISCIPLINE** relationships

Fellow Travelers: _____

Mature Mentors: _____

Hungry Followers: _____