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Title: Walk in Him

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Colossians 2:6

Beginning of main body of letter

Similar verse

Galatians 5:1

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

Therefore – b/c of what has just been said
Jesus identity, His supreme position
And, the faithfully transmitted Gospel

B/c they have repented and trusted Jesus as Savior
B/c they understand He is God, that He is sufficient
Keep standing firm against attacks of false teachers
Keep walking in this truth

- *...received*

Often used when transmitting, receiving traditions/teachings
They have had the Gospel given to them
They have received it
Jesus is the One who has been proclaimed
Jesus is the One they have received

Reminder they have the real thing
The real gospel of Jesus who is Lord of all
So, don't be deceived...

You have received, been instructed
Jesus is Messiah, Jesus is Lord

- *...walk in Him*

As we see Jesus as Messiah, as Lord

That should have an impact on our lives, our behavior

This is what we need to do – walk in Him

It is a command

Lead lives that are consistent w/ this confession

Live lives w/ Jesus in control

How many times have we told our kids – stay on the path?

Yet, how many times have they wondered off?

We hear of kids getting lost

Not finding their way back

Many times as kids we wonder why?

Not knowing the unseen dangers that are usually there...

Those signs aren't there to limit your freedom. They're there for your protection!"

"Look," one father said, indicating a plaque. "This is what can happen to those who ignore these warnings. The plaque was dedicated to the memory of someone's son who had been drowned from the cliffs at the age of 24. Someone had failed to observe the warning signs and the results had been fatal.

Isn't it so typical for us to try and do things that we are warned not to do? If the speed limit is 70), it means to drive a minimum of 80.

"Don't touch" means to tap the object when no one is watching.

How many warnings do we ignore? Even as adults...

Is it any wonder that we, as humans, tend to ignore most if not all of the warning signs provided by God in His Word? The consequences of not doing so, however, are disastrous. If not now, then in the future!

It's like the couple who zoom down the highway in their convertible. When they see a man frantically waving his arms and yelling for them to stop, they say, "Just look at that lunatic!" Then they drive off the end of the caved-in bridge.

God cannot be lightly ignored. Remember, He has our best interests at heart. He grieves when we ignore Him, when we refuse to develop a close relationship with Him.

Paul is saying here – stay on the path

Don't get off – hold to the truth – walk in Him

V. 10 we were told to walk in a manner worthy of Him...
Walk in Him...In Jesus – He is the center the focus of all things

Since we know all of this is true
Don't waver, don't change

Live your life believing Jesus is the way, the truth, the life
Conduct yourself to show you know this is true
Walk in union w/ Jesus
Following Him – follow Me and I will...

Maintain a continued conviction
Maintain a pattern of life patterned after Him

1 John 2:6

Rooted

Colossians 2:7

- *...having been firmly rooted*

How do we walk in Him?

How do we live a faithful life?

How can we walk in a manner worthy of Him?

Remember my Mom had a large philodendron plant when I was a kid. It had those weird roots that kept shooting out. All over the place, going everywhere...

Sometimes we are like those roots? Springing up and reaching out, waving in the breeze, always looking for a place to root ourselves.

God desires to direct our roots to be firmly and deeply rooted in Him.

This is necessary for us to stand firm; to stand against the storms of this life without falling over...

Like a philodendron or a tree with deep roots

Deep roots going down into rich soil

Our roots are set down when we repent and trust Jesus as Savior
Jesus is our food source, our spiritual nourishment

He is our strength

Psalm 1 talks about being a tree firmly planted

Like a tree planted by the water is in Jeremiah

As we meditate on God's Word we bear fruit, our leaves
don't wither

Our beginning is trusting in Jesus as our Savior

Built up

- *...built up in Him*

As we walk in Him we are built up in Him

Becoming more and more like Him

The Greek here indicates continuous action

Reference to the temple

We are God's temple

Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets

W/ Jesus as our cornerstone

Joined together in Him

Growing in our knowledge of God

Being built up in Him

How does this happen? How are we built up?

World today talks much about self-esteem

Is that what this is talking about?

Once connected to the root

The growth process begins

As we walk in Him, as we obey Him...

Acts 20:32

*32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace,
which is able to build you up*

The more we grow in His Word, the more we are built up

It is by the Word of God that we are built up

Being rooted in Him through repentance and trust

Walking in Him growing in His Word – built up in Him

We become established in our faith

God is the One who establishes us

- *...established in your faith*

Strengthened, confirmed...

Rooted, built up and established

Firm, solid, stable

Gratitude

- *...overflowing gratitude*

The result in our lives is gratitude, overflowing gratitude

If we are firmly rooted in Christ

If we are being built up in Him

If we are established in true faith

We overflow w/ gratitude to God

Grateful for all God has given us in Jesus

This further strengthens our grip on the truth

As we study His Word our minds become strong

As we live out these truths we gain full assurance that Jesus truly is

who He said He was and He will do what He said He would

Knowing Him more fully we cannot help but walk in Him – live

our lives for Him

As we walk in Him we become established in our faith

The end result is praise to God

This is God's work in us

Consider that...God working in us...

We are saved by grace

We grow by grace

It is all His work not ours

How wonderful is that???

Colossians 1:11-12

...joyously 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

Empty Deception

Colossians 2:8

Stand firm – don't let anyone take you away

Warning against dangers being faced
The danger of false teachers

- *...takes you captive*

Shows the power of these false teachers/false teaching

Just used pictures of military – good discipline, stability of faith –
verse 5

Continues here w/ talk of captivity – avoiding it

Picture of false teachers taking believers away into slavery of error

Compound word in the Greek meaning to carry off booty, spoils of
war, to kidnap

After being ransomed, after being redeemed in Messiah...

We need to guard ourselves against the wolves, the perverse men
who attack the flock

Kidnapped through...

- *...through philosophy and empty deception*

Empty and deceitful philosophy

Hollow, deceptive

Empty and deceitful vs. fullness in Christ – **1:19, 2:3, 1:5**

Similar to **Colossians 2:4**

These philosophies are empty deception

Deception – deceit, fraud or trick

These false teachers sounded good

Seduced the mind

There is no value to their words

Many philosophies of this world deny God's existence

Or, have an unbiblical view of Him

Francis Schaeffer said – *man cannot begin with himself and arrive
at ultimate reality*

1 Corinthians 2:9

"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

Romans 1:21-22

When God is eliminated from the picture

Man is plunged into ignorant darkness and hopeless despair

This empty philosophy has 2 sources

Tradition of men and the elementary principles of the world

Traditions of men

- *...according to the tradition of men*

Rather than on Jesus

Based on human tradition

When Jesus is all that is needed

Something that is handed down

From one person to another

From one generation to the next

That's just what we've always believed...

Tradition will often perpetuate error

Representing a false system of worship – which can't be tolerated

Elementary principles

- *...according to the elementary principles of the world*

Could also read according to elemental spirits of the world

Could be the basic, simplistic view of life

Based on silly childish thoughts

Abandonment of biblical truth

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

These are all in contrast to Jesus

They are a retreat to spiritual infancy

According to Jesus

- *...rather than according to Christ.*

These teachings cannot be compared with those by Jesus...

He created all things – in heaven and earth

Visible and invisible

Thrones, dominions, rulers and authorities...

Colossians 1:16

These people say Jesus is not God

That we must work for our salvation – as though there were something we could do to earn God's favor...

This system cannot save

Colossians 2:9

9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

We can trust Jesus b/c He is God

Fully and completely

He alone has the power to save

- *...the fullness of deity*

Not part of it, all of it

Jesus is fully God

Jesus is fully God – always has been, always will be

If the teaching is not according to the Messiah – it is to be rejected

Jesus is God, fully and completely

Hold firmly to this truth

Cling to it, be rooted and grounded in it

Walk in it, grow in it

Contrary to what the world says...

All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in Jesus

Conclusion

Are you walking in Him?

Are you rooted in Christ?

Have you repented...

Are you being built up into Him?

Built up in His Word...

Are you thanking Him daily for life and for new life?

Are you guarding your hearts against the lies and deception of this world?

Are you seeking Jesus first above all else?

Benediction:

Psalms 1:1-3

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season

Sermon outline
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Colossians 2:6-9

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Empty D_____

According to J_____