



Sunday October 31, 2021
Our Identity In Christ Series
Part 15: Living The In Christ Life (P2)

Review

Living Out Of What Has Been Completed

Born from Above to Live from Above

Renew Your Mind

Walk In The Spirit

Today

How do we live out of our life in Christ and grow in living out of our identity and inheritance in Christ?

Here is what the Scriptures instruct us:

Colossians 2:6-7

**6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught,
abounding in it with thanksgiving.**

Colossians 2:6 (Amplified Bible, Classic)

As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him.

WALK IN HIM

Walk, is in the present continuous, 'go on walking'.

As Jesus walked in union with the Father

The way Jesus walked in union with the Father is the way we ought to be walking in union with Jesus. Just as Jesus lived out His union with the Father we must learn to see everything we do as flowing out of the union we have with Jesus – our life in Him.

Our daily conduct flows out of our union with Christ

Everything we are is because of Him. Hence we live in union with Him, through Him, out from Him.



Living out social and family relationships in the Lord

Example: **1 Corinthians 7:22,39; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:18**

BE ROOTED IN HIM

Colossians 2:7

rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:7 (Amplified Bible, Classic)

Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving.

Rooted rhizoo (Gr.) = to root (figuratively become stable).

Paul uses the metaphor of a tree and its root system.

To be rooted in Him, figuratively implies two things. First, we are firmly planted in Him. Our roots are deep in Him so that we are unshakable. Second, we are drawing our life-source from Him.

The roots of our being should be firmly planted in Him. How do we do this?

A, Focus on Jesus. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Let your roots go deep into the person of Jesus Christ—not in a certain preacher, a certain leader, a denomination, a ministry, a vision, a certain kind of teaching—but in the person of Jesus Christ. Gaze upon Christ and Christ alone, because we are transformed into the likeness of the One we gaze upon. We look to Jesus alone, the Author and Perfector of our faith.

B, Build your relationship with Jesus through your personal time with Him in worship, prayer and the Word.

C, Depend on Jesus and act on what His ability means in your life. Draw out of Him – His strength, His wisdom and all who He is. He is your Source.



BE BUILT UP IN HIM

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Built up *epoikodomeo* (Gr.) = to build upon, that is, (figuratively) to rear up, build thereon.

Paul uses the metaphor of a building, here, where the structure is built, layer by layer. With our roots deep in the Person of Christ, we are built up and raised up in Him, that is we become more like Him. As this happens our faith is being becomes stronger, stable, and firm, and we overflow with thanksgiving.

To be built up in Him is our growing up in all things to be like Him. Christ is formed in us, layer by layer. We grow into Him, to become like Him in all things.

Ephesians 4:13,15 (Amplified Bible, Classic)

13...That [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection)...

15...Let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him, who is the head,

We see different stages of spiritual growth in Christ.

- Spiritual birth—*“For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel”* (1 Corinthians 4:15).
- Babies in Christ—*“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ”* (1 Corinthians 3:1).
- Mature (perfect) in Christ—*“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”* (Colossians 1:28).



ABIDE IN HIM

John 15:1–8

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Abide meno (Gr.) = A primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy), continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry, and so on.

When we abide in Him, there are certain characteristics of behavior that will manifest

- (a) We will take on the mind of Christ
- (b) In everything we give thanks
- (c) We are taught of the Spirit
- (d) We walk in obedience
- (e) We walk in holiness

Remain in Him, stay connected to Him. Don't step out of the union you have with Him.

IN HIM TO BE LIKE HIM

1 John 2:6

He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

“By living in God, love has been brought to its full expression in us so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment, because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this



world." (1 John 4:17 The Passion Translation). All that Jesus is and as Jesus is, so we are in this world.

What would life look like if we truly walked in our identity and in our inheritance, and lived out of the life we have in Christ? The answer is simple. Our life would be just like His. We would be just like Jesus. This is the reason why God has placed us in Christ Jesus.

Summary

- #1, Live Out Of What Has Been Completed - Live from above out of your life in Him
- #2, Renew Your Mind - Be renewed in your thinking to put on Jesus
- #3, Walk In The Spirit - Be changed by the Spirit to be like Jesus
- #4, Walk In Him - Live aligned to Jesus, doing only what Jesus would do
- #5, Be Rooted In Him - Be fixed on Jesus as your Source and Strength, depending and drawing from Him
- #6, Be Built Up In Him - Grow up to be like Him in all things, maturing into Christlikeness
- #7, Abide In Him - Stay connected to Him keeping disconnectors away

The outcome: In Him To Be Like Him