

Sermon Notes for Sunday, November 5, 2023

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 2:6-7 (NKJV)

“Radical Christian Living”

The word radical in both mainstream and social media has been misused and abused over the years.

The majority of the time this word is used in the context of "radical religious groups" or "radical political views" which is basically meant as "extremist" or "violent"

The Latin word for radical is *radic-, radix*, meaning "**root.**"

The word *Rooted*—Greek: rhizoo [Riy-zoo] figuratively means to become stable in Christ Jesus "like a tree planted by the water" (**Psalms 1:3**)

In this text, Paul declares **three ways** we become radical or rooted in Christ Jesus

1) Receive Jesus Christ as Lord

A) Accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior

- Acknowledge that you are a sinner.
- Confess and repent of your sins.
- Ask God to forgive you of your sins.
- Ask God to come into your heart.
- Accept Him as Lord and Savior of your life.

B) For Jesus to be Lord of your life, He is ruler, boss, and master of your entire life.

Romans 10:9 (The Living Bible)

"For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

2) Walk in Christ

- A) The word walk is a New Testament term that means the Believer's daily conduct.

Ephesians 5:8 (The Living Bible)

"For though once your heart was full of darkness, now it is full of light from the Lord, and your behavior should show it!

3) Rooted and Built Up in Christ

- A) Our roots should spread far, wide, and deep in Christ Jesus
- B) The Willow Tree's Root System
- C) The key to not walking in the flesh is establishing strong roots in Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:4-5 (NIV)

4 In that way, Jesus did for us what the Law said had to be done. We do not do what our sinful old selves tell us to do anymore. Now we do what the Holy Spirit wants us to do.

5 Those who let their sinful old selves tell them what to do live under that power of their sinful old selves. But those who let the Holy Spirit tell them what to do are under His power.