

# ROOTS

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## Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

### Part 4 Title – **Deep Roots**

#### Part 4 Text – **Colossians 2:6-7, 9-10 (NLT)**

6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. 7 Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. . . 9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. 10 So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

#### **1. The Realization of a Past Decision!**

**(vs. 6a)**

6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, . .

#### **2. The Expectation of a Present Development!**

**(vs. 6a-7)**

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- **Follow Him in Faith**

**(vs. 6)**

6 . . . , you must continue to follow Him.

#### Colossians 2:6 (ESV)

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.

**“Received” – Aorist Tense – Denotes a particular action that is done and completed in the past, which has a continuing result.**

**“To walk with God means to go in the same direction that He is going.” - G. Campbell Morgan**

• **Rooted like a Tree** **(vs. 7a)**

7 Let your roots grow down into Him, . . .

Colossians 1:6 (MSG)

6 It's the same all over the world. The Message bears fruit and gets larger and stronger, just as it has in you. From the very first day you heard and recognized the truth of what God is doing, you've been hungry for more.

**We are to plant our roots deep into the truths of God in order that we might produce fruit from our lives.**

Colossians 2:7 (J.B. Phillips)

Grow out of Him as a plant grows out of the soil that it is planted in.

• **Built up like a Building** **(vs. 7b)**

7 Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. . . Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Jude 1:20-21 (NKJV)

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**3. The Celebration of a Powerful Discovery!** **(vs. 9-10)**

• **The Authority of a Reigning Lord** **(vs. 9)**

9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

• **The Totality of a Residing Lord** **(vs. 10)**

10 So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

• **The Reality of a Returning Lord** **(Colossians 3:1-4)**

<sup>1</sup> Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>2</sup> Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all His glory.