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(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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CONTINUE IN THE FAITH

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him” Colossians 2:6 (NKJV)

Do you think how you received Christ or got born

again, is different from how you live in Him?

How did you receive the Lord?

How did you become born again?

How did you receive the gift of eternal life?

How were you justified?

Clearly from our previous discussions, you should be able to answer these with ease. You did not come to Christ by your good deeds, neither are you sustained in Christ by it. It is by Grace and through faith you received Jesus, therefore you continue your living in Christ by grace through faith.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast"

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

You are justified only through faith in Jesus and not by the works or the deeds of the law of Moses.

"For we conclude that a person is put right with God only through faith, and not by doing what the

Law commands" Romans 3:28 (GNT)

Anything we received in Christ is by faith. We got saved and came into Christ by faith. We were justified and received the gift of eternal life by faith. We received the Spirit not by the works of the law, but by faith.

"This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" Galatians 3:2,5 (NKJV)

Beloved, receiving Christ and our experience of all that is in Christ is by faith. Now in Paul's epistle to the brethren in Colosse, he instructed them on how they are to continue their walk in Christ.

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 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)

After he instructed them to continue in Christ as they have received Him, he then showed them how in the verse 7:

- a. Be rooted in the faith
- b. Built up in the faith
- c. Established in the faith.

These all point to the work of the gospel in you. The reality of the gospel is that, you were justified by faith (Romans 5:1). Therefore as you are justified you live by faith (Romans 1:17). The gospel of Jesus is the word of His grace which produces faith. The more you hear the gospel of Jesus, you are rooted, built up and established in faith.

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." Acts 20:32 (NKJV).

You will definitely meet people whose teachings and thoughts will make you think faith in Jesus is

not enough. They will preach "another gospel"; which will make you think though you got saved by faith in Christ, your salvation is now sustained and kept by the works of the law of Moses. Some may have good intentions, and for others they are envious of the glorious life you have in Christ. Some will make you think what you have received in Christ is not enough.

Don't give your mind to such thoughts.

YOU ARE COMPLETE IN CHRIST

Look at the further instruction Paul gave to the brethren in Colosse after he had told them to continue in the faith from verse 6 and 7 of Colossians 2:

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of

all principality and power." Colossians 2:8-10 (NKJV).

You came into Christ through faith, walk in Him by faith. When you turn away from the gospel of grace which produces faith, you will frustrate the grace of God in your life. It means you are moving away from the Spirit-life to now walk in the flesh. And the scriptures call it "foolishness" (Galatians 3:1-5)

As you are in Christ, He is now your life. Therefore the life you live now in the flesh, LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD WHO LOVED YOU AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR YOU. (Galatians 2:20)

Hallelujah

DIG DEEPER:

(Galatians 3:1-9; Colossians 1:10,19-29; Micah 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)

WE PRAY

- That we shall not be given to another gospel which is not Christ's but continue in the faith of Christ being rooted, built up and established in the faith.

BIBLE READING

Day 86: 1 Samuel 7-8

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- I am justified by faith.
- The life of Christ is my life.
- I am perfected by faith in Christ not by my deeds.
- My boast is in the Lord's finished work of Christ.
- I am rooted, built up and established in the knowledge of Christ.
- I continue in the reality of faith and shall give no room to the traditions of men.

OH Hallelujah, GLORY TO GOD!!!