

Grace Valley Bible Church
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Lesson: ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH

Paul has been struggling with what to teach these three churches of the Lycus Valley of Asia Minor (Col.1:24-29; 4:13).

Paul is concerned with false teaching inside these churches that was attacking grace and growth (2 Pet.3:18; Col.2:1-5).

He was afraid that they would become spiritually delusional by false doctrines to the truth of God's word. **"I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument."** (2:4)

*This lesson will study **FOUR** aspects of Established in the Faith.*

1. In **Col.2:6**, Paul established the doctrine of Faith Cycle Drill as an essential doctrine of the CWL (Christian Way of Life). *"As you therefore have received **Christ Jesus the Lord**, so **walk in Him.**"*

The Greek word for **walk is peripateo** used as a standing command (*p.a.impv.2pl*). Draw a circle on our paper and put a dot in the center.

The doctrine of inhale and exhale is important to **Faith Cycle Drill (2 Tim.3:16-17 / inspired or God-breathed)**.

Faith Cycle Drill (clockwise)

Hearing (Rom.10:17

Completing (James 2:22)

Heb.11:1

Believing (Heb.4:2)

Applying (2 Cor.5:7)

All church age doctrine flow in and out of the Christian life by this Faith Cycle Drill.

2. In **Col.2:7**, Paul established three basic doctrines essential to the CWL. Paul's use of the Greek language sets these three doctrines in order and purpose of spiritual growth development.

1st basic doctrine: "Having been **rooted** (**rhizoo**/ perf p. ptc.nplm/ in Him)" - Salvation

2nd basic doctrine: "Being **built up** (**epoikodomeo**/ p.p.ptc.nplm/ in Him)" - Spiritual Growth

3rd basic doctrine: "Being **established** in the faith (**bebaioo**/ p.p.ptc.nplm/ in Him)" – Spiritual Ministry

Notice: **They are all** participles (ptc/ verbal adjective) and passive voices (p) and nominative plural masculine. Participles work off the main verb which is **walk in 2:6**.

Notice: **First ptc is perfect** tense and the **other two are present** tenses.

- **Perfect tense** is completed in the past with completed results in the present.
- **Present tense** is continuous action.

3. All CAB (church age believers) are firmly rooted in Christ the moment they believe the gospel of 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9.

Col.2:7 - Rooted in Christ (**perfect passive** ptc. nplm) is the result of God's grace the moment a person believes the gospel.

In the Parable of the Sower (Matt.13:1-17), the soil of rocky places didn't allow the seed to take root (13:5-6/ explained in 13:20-21). The seed required good soil (PV at hearing and understanding and believing to become ROOTED/ Matt.13:23)

Rooted in Christ is just one of many examples of grace eternal security (sealed in Christ/ Eph.1:13-14; 4:30; John 10:28-30).

4. Paul closed Col.2:7 with this statement, "*Just as you were instructed (didasko/ a.p.ind2pl).*"

Remember that just saying, "*I don't understand, doesn't mean I can't understand.*" (John 16:29-33)

Natural man cannot understand any spiritual matters except the gospel (**1 Cor.2:10-3:3**).

Spiritual man can understand everything under the ministry of indwelling Holy Spirit (**John 14:26**/ divine revelation).