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As You Have Received Christ

Colossians 1:1-8/2:1-7

Colossians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Saints (sanctified, separated) relationship to the World
- Brethren (the family of God) relationship to Each Other
- In Christ (spiritual position) relationship to God

Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard..

Colossians 2:5-7

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.

- Live according to your spiritual position
- As they have received Christ Jesus

How did they receive Christ?

They heard the gospel message

- 1:6-7 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which **you heard** before in the **word of the truth of the gospel**, ⁶ which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day **you heard** and **knew the grace of God in truth**; ⁷ as you also **learned from Epaphras**, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf..
- Rom 10:17 faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God

How did they receive Christ?

They believed the message

- 1:3-4 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ since **we heard of your faith** in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints
 - The message received (in faith, trust, obedience)
 - Your faith in Christ Jesus
 - Love for the saints

How did they receive Christ?

They repented of their sins

- 1:21-22 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—
- 3:5-7 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

How did they receive Christ?

They were baptized

- 2:11-13 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the **circumcision of Christ**, ¹² **buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also were raised with *Him* through **faith in the working of God**, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses..

Continue in the faith

- 1:21-23 If you continue..grounded, steadfast, not moved
- 1:9-10 live a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing, fruitful
- 1:13-14 in kingdom of Son, redemption through His blood
- 1:15-18 giving Jesus preeminence as head of the body
- 2:1-3 encouraged, knit together in love, treasures of wisdom
- 2:6-7 so walk in Him, rooted, built up, established, thanksgiving



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