



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Rooted in Christ ... by Gareth

READ COLOSSIANS 2:6-10

- **Received Christ Jesus as Lord.** Receiving God's saving grace and His precepts, not man's agendas and traditions!
- **Walk/Live in Him.** Is to know Christ, live for Him, and pursue Christ further beyond our salvation. To abide in His strength and not ours. We are to be obedient and constant with our learning and growth in Christ so that God will empower us to live everyday following in His footsteps.
- **Rooted.** We are to take root in Him, meaning we are to obey Him. We have to grow by learning and applying and sharing God's principles and love. For the tree or plant the food source comes through the root, so that the plant will bear fruit. In like manner our root must receive from Christ so that we might bear fruit. (*John 15: 1-5*)
- **Built up.** God is the builder. We are to receive Christ as our foundation and continually adhere to His teachings. Then, we are to remain obedient so we can continue to live and serve in the Kingdom. It is more than just acceptance of the Truth and teaching about Christ. To be built on the rock. (*Matt 7: 24-27*)
- **Established.** Accepting Christ as Lord and Savior is the primary platform and only entrance to salvation and the practice of Christianity. This also means we have a vital union in Christ, and our call is to be united with other believers cooperating together (*1 Cor. 15:1-5; 1 Thess. 2:13*).
- **Just as you were taught.** To continue to live in Christ. This refers to being mentored and discipled in the Truth of Christianity and solid doctrine, and then passing on the message of God to someone else. This is not about tradition or customs or historical theology in a church. Rather, it is receiving the good news of Christ and then doing something with it, engaging the Word and Truth and passing it on.
- **Overflowing/abounding with thankfulness.** Our growth in Christ is motivated by the magnitude of what Christ has done for us so we respond from our indebtedness and gratitude. In this way, we can stay grounded in His Word and Truth. (*Col. 3:1-17*).

WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Week 48

Events /Notices

- ▶ The book shop will be open between 1:30 and 2:00 pm this *Sunday the 2nd* and the following *Sunday the 9th* for church members who would like to purchase gifts.
- ▶ Praise meeting *Wednesday the 12th December @ 7.30pm* (see Billy or Gareth regarding transport)
- ▶ Carol Service is scheduled for Sunday night *16th December @ 7.00pm*
- ▶ Children's production will take place following main meeting @ *12.30pm* Is on *Sunday 23rd December*.

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3-7 years old in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it (*Hebrews 13:2*).