

Colossians 2:6-7 – Receive, Continue, Growing

1. **Receive Jesus Christ (v. 6a)**
2. **Continue in Jesus (v. 6b)**
3. **Rooted, Built, Strengthened, Thankful (v. 7)**

Questions for us? When is it that you feel like you've been making most progress as a Christian? What things do you do or what things happen to you that give you that sense? How do these verses connect to what we've seen already in Colossians? What does it mean to receive Christ Jesus as Lord? Paul gives 30 commands in Colossians, why do you think 'continue to live your lives in him' is the first? What have we already seen in Colossians that convinces us to continue living in Christ? What does continuing in Jesus look like? What might push us off course as Christians? How would someone live who has been rooted in Christ, and is being built up and strengthened in him? How does it encourage us to continue, knowing that God is doing these things in us? What's the importance of thankfulness in the life of a Christian? Returning to the starting question: having look at these two verses what do they teach about making progress in the Christian life? How is that an encouragement to us? How is that a challenge to us?

Extra Information on Verse 7 for Life Groups:

Paul gives four things in verse 7 that are the basis of our continuing in Christ: rooted, built, strengthened, thankful and the tense and voice of the verbs are important. The NASB1995 captures it well:

'having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.'

Rooted, built up and strengthened/established are all passive verbs – actions done to us not by us. Rooted is in the perfect tense – a past action with ongoing effect. Built up and strengthened are present tense, hence the NASB 'now being'. Only thankful is active (done by us) and also present.