



Rooted: Deeper into God's Truth

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“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.”

Colossians 2:6-10

- 1. A rich knowledge of Christ is possible for growing in Christian maturity.**

“For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

2 Peter 1:21

- 2. A rich knowledge of Christ is sufficient for growing in Christian maturity.**

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your MIND and with all your strength.”

Mark 12:30

"And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

- 3. If we don't have a rich knowledge of God, we will grow in dangerous ways.**

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Colossians 2:8

- 4. A rich knowledge of Christ will transform how you live.**

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."

James 1:22-25

Bottom Line

What You Know Dictates How We Grow

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1. What are some ways people seek to gain knowledge and wisdom in the world?
2. How are knowledge and wisdom different from each other and how do they work together?
3. Paul warns against deceptive teaching that will lead God's people astray, what are some deceptive teachings that Christians widely accept?
4. Based on how we answered the previous question, what are some ways Christians can begin the process of correcting their thinking in such areas?
5. Jesus calls his followers to love the Lord their God with all of their mind (Mark 12:30), why do you think Christianity is seen in the world as a belief system that forsakes reason and the intellect?
6. How have you approached your understanding of God's truth in the past and are there things you might need to consider doing to pursue a deeper knowledge of God more intentionally?
7. How is it helpful to be a part of a learning community in order to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of God and his truth?
8. Spend some time praying for each other and your pursuit of knowledge, rooted in the truth of God's word.