

Walking in Freedom

Freedom from Rules and New Life in Christ

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This verse is loaded with revelation. Let's unpack it...

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As ye have therefore **received** (paralambanō) Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk ye** (peripateō) in him: 7 **Rooted** (rhizoō) and **built up** (epoikodomeō) in him, and **stablished** (bebaioō) in the faith (pistis), as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

- **Received**, Gr. paralambanō (para- alongside, Lambano- to take or receive)
 - paralambanō — To take, to receive, to accept; to assume an office; to accept or acknowledge one to be such as he professes to be; in the NT, it generally means 'to take someone along with you somewhere'. In Classical Greek, it means to pass on intellectual things between student and teacher.
- **Walk ye**, Gr. peripateō — 'to walk around' or 'to follow'; refers to the way believers behave or conduct their daily life.

“Is your behaviour influencing others to live Christ-like or carnal?”

We must remember that God doesn't just desire for us to be saved, he wants to walk with us and for us to be conformed into the image of Christ who always walked with the Father and only lived to please Him.

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk (peripateō) in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

- **Rooted**, Gr. rhizoō (rhiza- root) — fixed, established, thoroughly grounded
- **Built up**, Gr. epoikodomeō (ep-oy-kod-om-eh'-o) — (epi-upon, oikodomeo- to build or to construct)
- epoikodomeō- to build on top of something.
 - 1 Corinthians 3:13-15
Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon (epoikodomeō), he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.
- **Stablished**, Gr. bebaioō (beb-ah-yo'-o) — to render constant, firm and unwavering
 - 1 Corinthians 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Colossians 1:21-23a And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable

and unreprouvable in his sight: 23 If (conditional) ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard... (and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.

- 2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine (peirazō) yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?
 - Examine/tempted, Gr. peirazō - scrutinize, entice, prove,
- Matthew 4:1-3 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted (peirazō) of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter (peirazō) came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Now, Hebrews 5

Hebrews 5:12 - 6:1

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. 1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

1 Thessalonians 3:5

For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter (peirazō) have tempted (peirazō) you, and our labour be in vain.

Back to out text...

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32 Things that Christians are commanded to do in the book of Colossians. We should be examining/scrutinizing/testing ourselves to make sure that we are being true to our foundation and building the right way...

When doing a scientific test you must have a constant. The constant is the Word of God.

Things that Christians Must Do:*

1. Walk as when you received Christ (Col. 2:6).
2. Be rooted in Christ (Col. 2:7).
3. Be built up in Christ (Col. 2:7).
4. Be established in the faith (Col. 2:7).
5. Abound in the faith (Col. 2:7).
6. Be joyful in the faith (Col. 2:7).
7. Beware of deception (Col. 2:4,8,18-19).
8. Let no man judge your eating (Col. 2:16).
9. Let none judge your drinking (Col. 2:16).
10. Let no man judge your holy days, new moons, festivals, sabbaths (Col. 2:16).
11. Live dead to the world and all its sinful ways (Col. 2:20-23 1Jn. 2:15-17 Rom. 12:1-2 Jas. 4:4).

12. Seek things above (Col. 3:1).
13. Set affections above (Col. 3:2).
14. Mortify members on earth (Col. 3:5): fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, covetousness which is idolatry.
15. Put off the old man (Col. 3:8): anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
16. Lie not one to another (Col. 3:9).
17. Put on the new man (Col. 3:10-12).
18. Forbear one another (Col. 3:13).
19. Forgive one another (Col. 3:13).
20. Put on divine love (Col. 3:14).
21. Let God's peace rule (Col. 3:15).
22. Be thankful (Col. 3:15).
23. Let God's Word dwell in you (Col. 3:16).
24. Teach, admonish one another (Col. 3:16).
25. Sing with grace (Col. 3:16).
26. Do all things in Jesus' name (Col. 3:17).
27. Give thanks to God (Col. 3:17).
28. Continue in prayer (Col. 4:2).
29. Watch with thanksgiving (Col. 4:2).
30. Walk in wisdom (Col. 4:5).
31. Redeem the time (Col. 4:5).
32. Speak with seasoned grace (Col. 4:6).

