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**Text: Galatians 5:25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**Confession:** *This is my Bible, the Living Word of God. I am, what the Word says I am. I have, what the Word says I have. I can do, everything the Word says I can do, and I will do it, in Jesus Name!*

1. **Walking IN Christ**
2. **Colossians 2:6-7** As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk **in Him**, 7rooted and built up **in Him** and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

**“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him”**

1. **received: paralambanó** (par-al-am-ban'-o) to receive, to take, took, taken, to learn. It is a compound word from para” a preposition which means near or beside and “lambanó” to take, receive, to lay hold by aggressively and actively accepting what is available or offered.
2. **so walk: peripateó** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o) to be occupied with, to live, to follow, to go around in a complete circle, to behave, to conduct ourselves, to stay in, to make progress in the course set before us.
3. False teaching sought to demote Jesus as the Christ and instead taught that their salvation was attained through a progressive revelation through secret knowledge and self-discipline.
4. There were some who had strayed from the faith by mixing the faith with false doctrine. The reason they were led astray is they had not submitted to being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and they had not accepted the Word as Truth – they had not made the Word of God first and final authority in their lives.
5. Paul reminds them that just as the once started in the faith of Jesus as the Christ and His Lordship they must now put aside the heretical teaching and so-called secret knowledge and return to the basics of the faith.
6. Jesus Christ is not only our Savior but He is also our Lord which involves us dying daily to our flesh and submitting to His way of doing and being right.
7. We received Jesus as our Lord and Savior by faith in His Word and now we continually make steady progress living IN Him by faith in His Word. To walk IN Him is to acknowledge Christ IN us, in all our ways.
8. **John 14:6** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
9. **Way: hodos** (hod-os') a way, road, journey, path. It signifies a course of conduct, a way of life, or a means of access.
10. **Truth: alétheia** (al-ay'-thi-a) divine truth, eternal reality, truthful, faithfulness, integrity, sincerity, it emphasizes the divine nature of Truth revealed in Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. There is but One Reality and it is Jesus Christ the Word of God Himself made flesh for us, who died for us and rose again for us as our Substitute.
11. **Life: zóé** (dzo-ay') to be alive, divine Life, God’s self-existent Life. It is this Life that Christ Jesus shares with those who believe by recreating their spirit man into His Eternal Life.
12. God has established a divine program called the Gospel of Jesus Christ whereby men are saved. We do not need to add to and certainly not take away fro0m it. Seek out the Way, find the Truth, and live according to the divine program, IN His Eternal Life!

**“Rooted and built up in Him”**

1. **rooted: rhizoó** (hrid-zo'-o) firmly rooted, stable, to be thoroughly grounded or settled, to be anchored
2. **built up: epoikodomeó** (ep-oy-kod-om-eh'-o) to build upon, to raise up. It is a compound word from “epi” which means, having arrived at the spot, a place upon which something rest but when combined it intensifies the word and “oikodomeó” which means to properly build upon following a plan with a pre-designed specification.
3. We are not to lay another foundation other than Christ. You cannot build up until the foundation is secure. It is vital that we understand and are anchored in the ABCs of our faith as outlined in Hebrews 6:1-2.
4. Only when we are rooted IN Christ can we then be grounded IN Christ and continually go deeper, wider, and higher in the knowledge of Him according to God’s predesigned plan for us that is Christ IN us, living His Life through us. (Galatians 2:20, 1 Corinthians 6:17-20)

**“Established in the faith”**

1. **established: bebaioó** (beb-ah-yo'-o) to make firm, steadfast, established, to confirm, to walk where it is solid.
2. “bebaioó” in context is referring to a disciple who is no longer living according the natural sense realm but is established in the faith and has grown up into maturity and can skillfully walk according to the Truth of who they are IN Christ.

**“As you were taught”**

1. Paul is highlighting the pastoral office. Pastor Epaphras had been feeding them the steady diet of the Word. Some came to church expecting to receive a Word from God and they did. Others treated the Word as optional and like a buffet they picked and chose what they wanted and mixed it with false ideas (Gnosticism) that had led them astray and in some cases their eternal salvation was in serious jeopardy.

**“Abounding in it with thanksgiving”**

1. **overflowing: perisseuó** (per-is-syoo'-o) to abound, to have abundance, to be in excess, to go beyond the expected measure
2. Thanksgiving is the ONLY appropriate response to grace. Praise and thanksgiving should be a natural outflow from our new life that has been radically transformed IN Christ. This also points to;
3. **Philemon 1:6** I pray that your partnership in the faith may become effective as you fully acknowledge every good thing that is ours **in Christ**.
4. There is no grey area between being thankful and unthankful. There must be correspond action with a praise on our lips, continually acknowledging and thanking Him.
5. Thanksgiving and praise are the highest forms of faith and we are to continually acknowledge all that He is, has done, and is doing IN us, THROUGH us, and FOR us, now that we are IN Christ!

**APPLICATION:**

1. What does it mean to accept Christ Jesus as the **Lord** of your life?
2. How will you safeguard yourself against false teachings and remain firmly grounded in the Truth?
3. What does it mean to walk IN Him?
4. What steps will you take to ensure that you are rooted and then being built up, so that you can be established in the faith?