



**In Christ**

*What it means to be saved?*

**Continuing IN CHRIST!**

**Colossians 1:28-2:7**



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- Colossians 2:1-7







“To advance is to begin again.”

-Martin Luther





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**Main idea:** To advance is to begin again.

**1:28-2:5:** Paul's prayer request

**2:6:** Receiving Christ as Lord

**2:7:** Continuing in Christ: Rooted, built up, established, abounding



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# Paul's "struggle" for the Colossian Church

- **1:28:** to present everyone mature/complete/holy/finished in Christ (union with christ).
- **2:2:** their hearts may be encouraged.
- **2:2:** they be knitted together in love
- **2:2:** to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and knowledge of Christ.
- **2:4:** that they not be deceived by the false teaching of plausible, or fine-sounding, arguments



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- Colossians 2:6-7

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. 2 I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? 3 Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? 4 Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain?

- Galatians 3:1-4



“ . . . for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.”

- Proverbs 24:16

“grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

- 2 Peter 3:18



you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.

- Revelation 2:4-5

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“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded (established) on the rock.

- Matthew 7:24-25

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- 1 Peter 1:6-7



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# A Living House

- Rooted in christ's completed work.
- Building our life on what he has done.
- Establishing our faith in the gospel truths as they were handed down from the apostles to us.
- Abounding in Gratitude. . . as we live for him who died for us.

