

“CHRIST’s Plan for You” – Colossians 2:6-7

Have you ever wondered why some people who receive CHRIST, change very little? Or why they still live like the World? OR why they never get freed from darkness? This passage explains why this happens.

I. You were _____ to GOD (made right) by the death of HIS Son. **1:22**
A. Formerly you were alienated (_____) from GOD and hostile (wanted

_____ to do with HIM) in mind toward HIM. **1:21**

B. But you were _____ and _____. **1:13**

C. Because you were reconciled to GOD, HE now sees you _____:
(in regard to Salvation): **1:22**

1. As _____ (CHRIST gave you HIS Holiness/Righteousness)

2. As _____ (CHRIST took your blame)

3. As _____ (CHRIST took your reproach)

D. This is on the basis of what HE did for you, not based on your _____.

II. Our _____ to CHRIST’s Gift of Salvation is to: (CHRIST’s _____)

1. _____ CHRIST (a Decision) **V.6** John 1:12

A. IF you _____ HIM ... you become _____ of GOD. (the First Step)

B. This is not “having _____ knowledge” about CHRIST, or being a _____ Christian. It is true _____. This Focus is _____.

C. IF a person never receives CHRIST, they will _____ become a Child of GOD. Tragically they will one day hear GOD say, “_____.”
Mt. 7:23

2. Then _____ in a growing relationship. (a Decision) **V.6**

Acts 4:13, Genesis 5:24, 6:9 Many Christians _____ do this.

A. People have to be _____ to walk with GOD.

- IN HIM – in obedience, in HIS _____

- WITH HIM – in daily fellowship, and _____. John 15:15

- This focus is _____.

B. You walk with GOD by _____ on HIS Word, by developing a life of _____, then following and _____ HIM in HIS Work. John 12:26

C. If you don’t learn to walk with JESUS, you will never _____.

3. Then get _____ (a Decision) **V.7** – Psalm 1

A. Versus staying _____, unstable, unconnected, defeated.

A tree with shallow roots will _____. Mt. 13:5-6

- B. This is the process called _____. 2 Tim. 2:2, Mt. 28:18-20, Co. 1:28
- C. If a person doesn't _____ putting down strong roots, they will not do well. Sloppy Christianity and _____ faith produce very little life change. Mt. 16:24
- D. These things develop strong roots in a Believer's life, and are called _____. Developing Righteous Roots will _____ Roots of Darkness. This comes with effort and _____. This focus is _____.

- Methodical Bible _____ - _____ Prayer Time
- Consistently being in _____ - _____ others
- Learning to _____ your faith - Being in a small group
- Honoring GOD with tithes & offerings - Scripture _____
- Going on Short Term _____ Trips - Keeping CHRIST the center of your _____

E. _____ Obedience to CHRIST over Decades yields a great life. Use some of your _____ each week to produce Strong Roots.

4. Then Be _____. (a Decision) **V.7** Phil. 4:9 "*put into practice*"

- A. The Goal is to _____ Building Upward; stronger, closer. This Focus is _____.
- B. **Ask yourself:** Does this _____ or relationship build me up? OR does it _____, weaken, and diminish me?
- C. Your _____ to ... and the practice of ... the above things, (Spiritual Disciplines) will cause you to be built up and grow _____.

5. Then Be _____ in your Faith (a Decision) **V.7** Genesis 1:28

- A. To be established means to make solid, secure, _____, and increase. Matthew 25:20 This Focus is _____.
- B. Versus ... never learn to walk with CHRIST, never grow deep roots, never consistently be built up; which means you will never be established _____ in your faith, which means you will not be productive for the Kingdom.

6. And always _____ (a Decision) **V.7** 1 Thess. 5:18

- A. Gratitude and Joy are the best _____ of how close you are to JESUS.
- B. Having a grateful heart and mouth ... _____ darkness, depression, fear, worry and anxiety. Nehemiah 8:10
- C. Praising GOD and thanking HIM for what _____, is far better than getting _____ on what didn't happen and what others did to you. Gratitude attracts HIS _____. (Paul wrote this in _____)