

## What Ministers of Christ Look Like – Part 2

Sermon Series: Colossians: Under Pressure

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Last Sunday we started our look into Paul's ministry: suffering, commissioned, and Christ-promoting. In that section we discovered the Big Picture:

"to present everyone fully mature IN Christ" (1:28b)

Now let's consider today's text that builds on these ideas and bring us to the central idea of Colossians.

"I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. <sup>2</sup> My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:1-7

**"How are Christ-followers to Walk in Christ?"**

**Colossians 2:6-7**

- **First, Christ-followers are those who have \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus AS Lord.**  
"just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord" vs. 6a

**Walking/Continuing to Live in Christ is done by employing 4 practical Metaphors:**

- **Walk/Continue to Live, \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.**  
"continue to live your lives IN him, <sup>7</sup> rooted..."
- **Walk/Continue to Live, \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus**  
"and built up IN him."
- **Walk/Continue to Live, drawing \_\_\_\_\_ from the faith in Christ you were taught.**  
"...strengthened in the faith AS you were taught"
- **Walk/Continue to Live, overflowing with \_\_\_\_\_.**  
"and overflowing with thankfulness."

Do you still believe that Jesus is Lord?

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