



*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted, and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)

### Context

- Author: Apostle Paul
- When: Approximately A.D. 60
- Where: Imprisoned in Rome
- Overall theme: To combat errors in the church in Colossae and to show that believers have everything they need in Christ.

### 1. Where should our thanksgiving take root?

The Thanksgiving must be rooted in the soil of \_\_\_\_\_  
and our \_\_\_\_\_.

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in Him**,*

Colossians 2:6 (ESV)

*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For **in Him** all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created **through Him** and **for Him**. He is before all things, and **in Him** all things hold together.*

Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)

***Rooted and built up in Him** and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

Colossians 2:7 (ESV)

### 2. What kills the root of our thanksgiving?

\_\_\_\_\_ that leads us to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The grass looks greener on the other side..."*

- The moment we take our eyes off of Jesus and start looking around the things of the world, comparison will suck the life out of the root of thanksgiving.

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

- We can see Paul's genuine gratitude towards God for giving him a new life in Christ. His thanksgiving was deeply rooted in Jesus who loved him and gave his life for him.

### 3. How do we ensure the root of thanksgiving stays alive in your life?

- \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you **remain in me** and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.***

John 15:5-8 (NIV)

- Believe in who Christ is and who we are in Him.
- Continue to Live out the Gospel Life.
- Bear much fruit for God's glory.
- Divine fellowship with God and with our community of faith.

### Answer key

1. The Thanksgiving must be rooted in the soil of **JESUS' DIVINE IDENTITY** and our **IDENTITY IN HIM**.
2. **COMPARISON** that leads us to **FORGETFULNESS**.
3. **REMAIN IN HIM**.