The Walk

Don Hooten · Colossians 2:1–10

INTRODUCTION

- There has to be a connect in our lives with the things that we believe and the things that we walk in.
- It is in fact a command stated in Scripture for every Christian.

1 That Their Hearts May Be Encouraged

Colossians 2:2

- I've done all of this that their hearts may be encouraged.
- The suggestion of that Greek word is the idea of building up something. Building upon, step after step, block after block, the realities of our life.
- Building something is not something that happens immediately, but it must be something that is ongoing.
- Not to show off our righteousness, not even to show how much we know, but to recognize that we are building in their mud the blocks of righteousness.

2 Having Been Knit Together in Love

Colossians 2:2; 1 Timothy 1:5

- Do we not recognize that the reasons that we walk together is to knit together ourselves in love?
- The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
- God has a goal in our preaching, and it isn't just making sure that you wear the right clothes on a Sunday morning.
- Because you are in the mud of other people's lives, putting blocks of encouragement and knitting yourself together with them in love.

3 Full Assurance of Understanding: Christ Himself

Colossians 2:2–3; Ephesians 4:13–16

- What we say must manifest itself in what we do.
- If Paul recognized that his walk as an apostle and as a Christian was to bring completeness to those Christians that he had influence on, then you and I need to recognize that very same truth.
- The choices I make and the things that I engender in the world around me is all for the benefit of building up the body of Christ.
- Don't ever tell yourself you're unimportant. Don't ever say that the things that you're doing are of no value.

4 Good Discipline, Stability of Faith, Firmly Rooted

Colossians 2:4–7

- One way for us to show our walk is to live our life out in this way that he describes as good discipline.
- What we are walking in manifests stableness.
- Live out what you have proclaimed is the source of your stability.
- Paul said that what God plants in us should bloom.

5 Three Challenges: Philosophy, Tradition, Elementary Principles

Colossians 2:8

- Three things, three challenges that we're going to face. If we're going to walk this walk, we're going to face these challenges.
- The walk that we walk isn't just about what goes around in our mind. It's the way that it works itself out in our hands of service and in our feet.
- He has not put us here to become authoritarians. He put us here to be servants. Tell me what the Bible says.
- If we will walk with that guidance, the challenge of tradition will become small.

6 Made Complete in Christ

Colossians 2:9–10

- When you live your life the way God wants you to live your life, then you find this final reward complete in Christ.
- Poisoned by sin are we all. Violated by transgressions are we all.
- By the power of mercy, the joy of grace, through the blessing of the blood of the Savior, we're made whole again.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So this morning I want to encourage you to be stronger in your walk.**

MY NOTES