

GROUND THE CHURCH IN FAITH

Colossians 2:1-9 (cf. 1.21-23)

Thesis: to show why the church must be grounded in faith and how this grounding must be done.

INTRODUCTION

Esther 4:14

1 Corinthians 1.17-20

Isaiah 29:14; 19:12; 33:18

Isaiah 30: 10- 11

Galatians 2:5, 14

Colossians 2:1-9

The basis and imperative of this subject is.

(1) The urgency: "**conflict**," i.e., Paul's anxiety and effort (vs 1), which we should share.

(2) The reason: prevent their being "**deceived**" and "**cheated**" (vss. 4, 8).

(3) The protective power: "**be rooted {established} in the faith'** (vs, 7).

b. The words or ideas of the subject under consideration found in this text are:

(1) Ground: "**Grounded and built up in him...** "(vs.7, cf. 1:23)

(2) The church. "**you, " "...the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossi...** "(vs. 6; cf. 1:2)

(3) In faith: "**...to all riches of the full assurance of understanding...** " (vs.2)

1 Cor. 2:5

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Col 1:13-14

Acts 2 that the baptized believers on Pentecost were "**...added {to them}..(vs. 41) ...to the church...** " (vs. 47).

Matthew 16:18

1 Corinthians 1:2

Galatians 1:2

1 Thess. 1:7-9

1 Pet 5:2

Acts 20:28.

1 Cor. 5:2, 6

1 Thess. 1:7

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Colossians 1:23

Ephesians 3:17,

Colossians 2.7

Matthew 7:24-27

1 Cor. 15:58

Ephesians 4:14

1 Pet. 5:3

Titus 1.9

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Luke 1:1

Col.1:4

Col. 1:5

Gal 3:23-25

Jude 3

Col. 2:2

Rom. 10:17

Romans 4:11, 19-21

Heb.11:17-19

Genesis 21:12

Romans 4:3

Romans 4:18

Psalms 119:89

1 Thessalonians 2:13

1 Thessalonians 1:3

2 Thessalonians 1:3

Rom. 1:16

Titus 1:9

1 Cor. 4: 1

2 Peter 4:10

1 Pet.5:3

Titus 1:7

Acts 20:28-32

1 Corinthians 2:6-7

CONCLUSION

However, to the credit, the church in Corinth through genuine repentance renewed their zeal to Paul (hence the faith) upon receiving the letter carried by Titus. Grounding the church in faith requires the removal of an arrogant attitude and the teacher/preachers who stand in support of such arrogance (2 Corinthians 11:12-15).