

# Walking with the King: In Him

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## SIMPLE FAITH, WALKING WITH THE KING, IS “IN HIM.”

*Simple faith is walking in Him. We are told what walking in Him ought to look like. Paul shows us this with 3 descriptors, 2 images, and 1 doctrine.*

## 3 Descriptors

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### **As you received Christ Jesus the Lord**

*Our walk “in Him” should be reminiscent of when we first believed.*

Receiving Him entails receiving:

- Him as Christ Jesus the Lord
  - No easy believism
- His message
  - “receive” = transmission of truth from one to another
  - Growth does not discard the fundamental truths
  - The vast doctrines of salvation defy exhaustive exposition

- When I think of salvation, I think of:
  - Charles Wesley was the first of the two to be justified by faith, and on Whitsunday, May 21, 1738, he experienced Pentecost. He wrote in his journal that the Spirit of God “chased away the darkness of my unbelief.” The prolific hymnist (eventually he wrote six to seven-thousand hymns) wrote a hymn to commemorate his day of salvation. While scholars debate which of three possibilities was this conversion hymn, one likely candidate is *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*
    - Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
  - Pause and remember when you received Christ

*Does your walk remind you of when you first believed?*

## **Established in the faith**

*As we walk “in Him” we are established in the faith.*

- Firm and solidly grounded
- Depends on rooted and built up
- In the faith = the sphere in which one is established, within the confines of Christianity

*Are you established in the faith? Rooted and built up?*

## Abounding in thanksgiving

*Walking "in Him" results in overflowing thanksgiving.*

Richard Sibbes - It is as natural for the new creature, when it feels the Sun of Righteousness warming the soul, when it tastes of the mercy of God in Christ, to show forth itself in thankfulness and praise; and it can no more be kept from it than fire can keep from burning or water from cooling. It is the nature of the new creature so to do.

*Are you thankful?*

## 2 Images

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### Rooted

- Once for all
- **Psalm 1:1-3 (ESV)**  
Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

## Built up

- Continual development
- **Ephesians 2:19-22** (ESV) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**Ephesians 3:14-19** (ESV) – [14]For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, [16] that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

## 1 Doctrine

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### Union with Christ:

**Grudem:** Union with Christ is a phrase used to summarize several different relationships between believers and Christ, through which Christians receive every benefit of salvation. These relationships include the fact that we are in Christ, Christ is in us, we are like Christ, and we are with Christ.

## In Christ in Colossians

- **Colossians 1:2** To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- **Colossians 1:28** Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
- **Colossians 2:6** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,
- **Colossians 2:7** rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- **Colossians 2:10** and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.
- **Colossians 2:11** In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,
- **Colossians 3:3** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**Ephesians 1:3-7** (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

1. We are “in Him” throughout God’s eternal plan - Ephesians 1:4 (ESV) ... he chose us in him before the foundation of the world ...
2. We are “in Him” now - Ephesians 1:3 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing ...
3. We will be “in Him” forever - Ephesians 1:3 (ESV) ... in the heavenly places ...