

2 basic ways that people try to get to heaven & try to live the Christian life:

works grace The path to salvation travels down the way of grace and faith & the ongoing path of the Christian is the same - we never leave that road.

1. You have everything you need in Christ (to walk the victorious Christian path and to live a refreshing Christian life) Colossians 2:6-12.

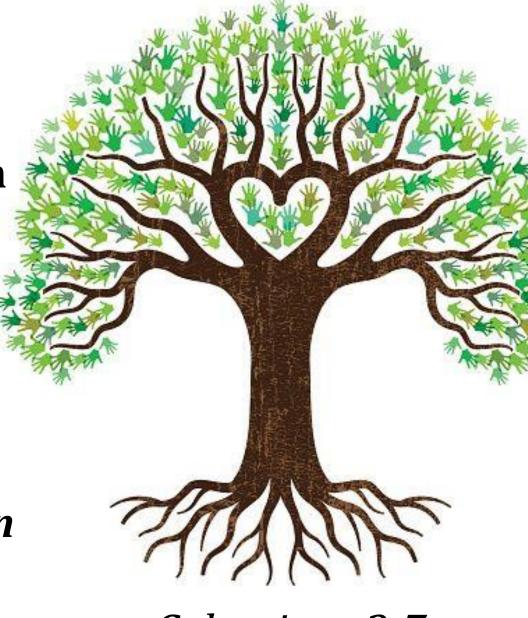


• Let your roots grow down deep into Christ ("rooted ... in him")

 And let your lives be built on Him ("built up in him")

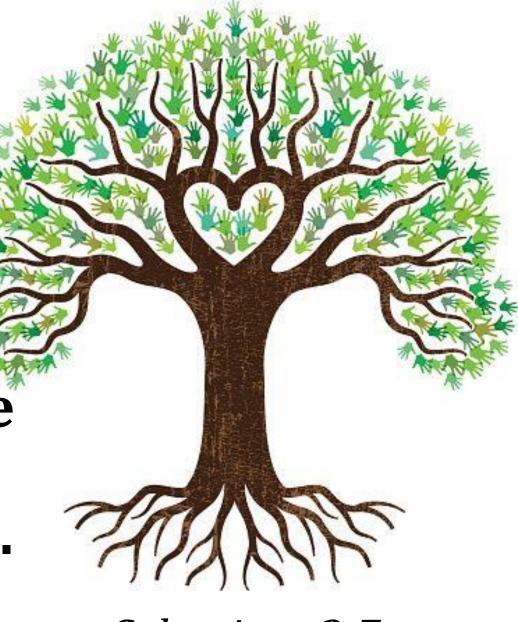
 Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught ("and stablished in the faith, as you have been taught")

 And you will overflow with thankfulness ("abounding therein with thanksgiving")



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The main hindrances in the spiritual journey (vs. 8):

Philosophy Tradition

- · Atheism there is no God
- Agnosticism we can neither affirm or deny there is a God
- · Humanism we don't need God
- Secularism what difference does God make?
- Pragmatism if it works, do it
- Relativism if it feels good, do it (no absolute truth)

Philosophies

2. We can walk in a new life, on a new path (Colossians 2:12-15).



Every sin that you will ever commit has already been paid for (vv. 13-14).

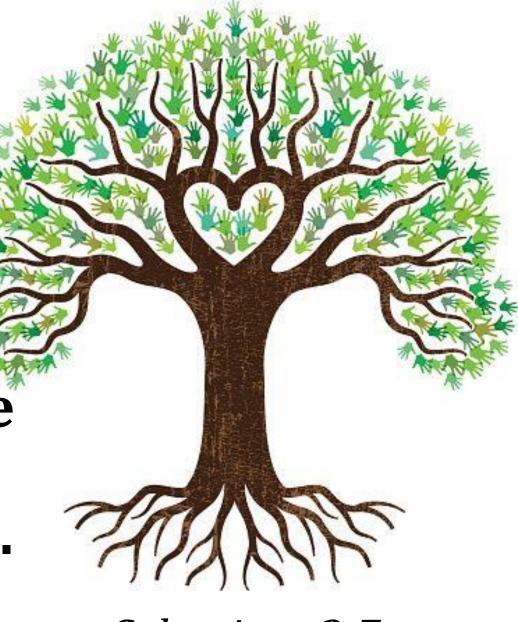
Christ had three great victories on the cross (vs. 15).

For the believer ...

- 1) Satan has been disarmed "having spoiled principalities and powers"
- 2) Satan's deceitfulness & wickedness has been exposed "made a show of them openly"
- 3) Satan has been defeated and disgraced "triumphing over them in it"



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