

Thrive

Colossians 2:6-7

What constitutes human thriving?

Live (*walk*)

Ongoing practice

Remember your roots (*as you began*)

It began by grace through faith

It began with *Christ Jesus the Lord*

Christ was both central and sufficient

Build from your roots (*as you received ... so walk in Him*)

It continues by grace through faith

2 of Satan's great lies

Foundation

Rooted

Functions of roots

Key: God roots us

Stable Structure

Being built up (see Ac 20:32)

Firmly established (see Col 1:23; Eph 3:17)

Security and stability

In a world becoming unhinged, our flourishing depends on God's rooting and establishing

Not automatic: it requires *instruction*

As you were taught

One evidence of flourishing: *overflowing thankfulness*

Your active part: overflowing gratitude

3 Vital Questions

Are you rooted?

How is God building and stabilizing you?

Are you flourishing -- overflowing with gratitude?