

Donna's Devotional

What Are We Being Taught?

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him, Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.—Colossians 2:6-7

Why do some Christians behave in a godly manner and others do not? This verse holds the answer. Look at the image created by these verses. First, we know that the person this verse is talking about is saved. They have received Jesus Christ as Lord. So, they are commanded to walk in Him.

That raises the question, how can they walk in Him? This verse states that they have to be taught. Growth in the Christian life is much like growth in the physical life: It takes nourishment to grow and that nourishment comes by the means of sound teaching.

The verse also tells us what that teaching should contain. It should contain the nourishment to establish a sound root system. I have seen trees topple over because they do not have a good root system. If we are to have a strong spiritual root system, we need to be taught the fundamental truths of God's word.

The teaching should also contain the materials to build us up. I have been watching a new dormitory being built at the university where I teach. I have watched the workers lay block upon block. The way these blocks are built up determines the strength of the wall. In the same way, the teaching we receive should build upon a firm foundation. It should be systematically and carefully built upon the teaching of the Bible.

The way we will be able to live in a godly manner is to be taught the word of God.

*Whom will he teach knowledge?
And whom will he make to understand the message?
Those just weaned from milk?
Those just drawn from the breasts?
For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little— Isaiah 28: 9-10*