

Colossians - Chapter 2

“Beware: Don’t Try to Change the Soil”

Colossians 2:7-8

Verse 7

1. “*Rooted*” carries the idea of a person who has sunk deep roots down into the soil of Jesus Christ.
2. When a person gets saved, the Holy Spirit places him in Christ. He is rooted in Him. But then, many believers want to try to _____ the soil!
3. This will not work. Paul said that the only way to be “*built up*” is to have a root system that is _____ in Jesus Christ.
4. Paul taught that if we want to stablish people in the _____, we must root and build them up in Christ.
5. When we are built up in our relationship with Christ, it results in so much _____, and a heart that abounds with thanksgiving.

Verse 8

1. Paul says, “*Beware lest any man spoil you...*”
 - The word “*spoil*” means “to lead away.” What was Paul's concern? What was he afraid that men would lead the Colossians from? From _____!
2. Instead of teaching people to sink down their roots into the good soil of Christ, men would come along and seek to promote _____ soil - Christ substitutes.
 - “*Philosophy*” - This is man's attempt to explain the origin of things and the causes of phenomena, both of mind and matter, _____ from Jesus Christ.
 - “*Vain deceit*” - When people try to attain righteousness any way other than Christ, it is vain deceit.

- *“The tradition of men”* - Men will seek to root you in the soil of their own religious _____ and denominational commands.
cf. Mark 7:8-9, 13
 - *“The rudiments of the world”* - The word *“rudiments”* simply means “the elements or principles” of Satan's world system. Satan has a counterfeit _____ for everything.
3. All of these ultimately do the exact same thing. They lead people _____ from the real solution and answer - Jesus Christ!