

# Colossians 2:8 **Stablished in the Faith**

## 1. **Rooted and Stablished in the Faith by God's Word (Review)**

- a. We walk by faith, the same way we received Christ. (Col 2:6, 2 Cor 5:7)
- b. Paul's gospel is able to stablish (stabilize) us. We are able to "stand fast" in the knowledge of the truth ("the faith"). (Col 2:7, Rom 16:25, Gal 5:1)
- c. "As ye have been taught". Paul often reminds his audiences of what they've been taught before. Sound doctrine. (Titus 1:9, 1 Tim 1:3)
- d. Thanksgiving is the will of God, God has freely given us all things. (1 Thess 5:18)

## 2. **Beware Lest Any Man Spoil You • Colossians 2:8**

- a. What does faith (our belief) stand in? The power of God. (1 Cor 1:18, 1 Cor 2:4-5)
- b. God has given us His word for us to be able to spiritually discern as saved individuals. (Rom 16:19, 1 Cor 2:14, 1 Tim 2:3-4)
- c. Philosophy, vanity, tradition of men (2 Tim 2:16, 23)
  - i. Philosophy; the love of wisdom → God's wisdom is in opposition to the world's wisdom (1 Cor 1:18-21).
  - ii. Vanity; emptiness, fruitless desire → Man's thoughts and traditions lead to vanity and ungodliness. (Gen 6:5, Is 55:8, Rom 1:18)
  - iii. Tradition; transmission of doctrines → There is right doctrine to pass to others. There is wrong doctrine to avoid. (2 Tim 2:2, 2 Thess 2:15 vs 1 Tim 1:19, 2 Tim 2:18)
- d. Rudiments (first things) of the world; the world believes they have knowledge and understanding without God. In **Christ** are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col 2:3, 2 Cor 5:17, Col 2:20)
- e. As the Colossians were told, if you are not rooted and stablished in the faith, your walk will suffer. Regarding "the faith":
  - i. It can be departed from (1 Tim 4:1)
  - ii. It can be denied (1 Tim 5:8)
  - iii. One can err from it (1 Tim 6:10)
  - iv. It can be overthrown (2 Tim 2:18)
  - v. One can be reprobate concerning it (2 Tim 3:8)
  - vi. **It can be kept** (2 Tim 4:7)