A Winning Walk
Colossians 2:6-8
Sermon Outline
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A. Remain Grounded (v. 6):
1. This is the way we can develop good discipline in the faith.
2. This is the way we can become strengthened through the Holy Spirit (Colossians 1:11, 28).
3. The gospel is the heart of all we do and must remain pure (Galatians 1:6-9, 11-12).
4. Accepting the gospel message breathes life in us (Romans 8:9-11).
5. The deity, humanity and Lordship of Christ must remain pure (1 John 4:2-3).
6. A consistent pattern of putting our faith to work each day.
7. Christ consistently defines who we are and what we do (Colossians 3:1-4).

B. Stay the Course (v. 7):
1. Once saved the Holy Spirit is poured into us (Titus 3:5-6).
2. The Holy Spirit is our source of strength (Ephesians 3:16-17).
3. We are continuously being transformed by the renewing of the mind, the work of the Holy Spirit, and service in the church to be just like Christ (Galatians 2:20).
4. Increase inner strength because we remain steadfast in our faith.
5. We are continuously immovable in our convictions that God.
6. We are totally surrendered to the ability of God to carry out His promises.
7. The teaching of Epaphras led them to have a deep conviction about Christ (Colossians 1:3-8).
8. Spiritual growth produces confidence in Christ leading to joyous worship (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
9. A heart and mind that is firmly rooted, increases in continuous worship.

C. Remain Mentally Focused in a Changing World (v. 8; Ephesians 4:14-15):
1. Remain consciously aware of those who seeks to lead us away from the truth (Matthew 7:15-23).
2. Make sure no one kidnaps our minds with.
   a) "The love and pursuit of wisdom" based on human reasoning or understandings.
   b) A person who profess to be of the faith but demonstrate no good works.
   c) Rudimentary principles of the world that are opposed to the teachings of Christ.
3. Christ is truth and nothing but the truth (John 14:6).
4. No one takes you captive – We must not allow anyone to take complete control of our minds as a result of the following:
   a) Philosophy - "The love and pursuit of wisdom" based on human reasoning or understandings.
   b) Empty deception – A person who profess to be of the faith but demonstrate no good works.
   c) Elementary principles of the world – Rudimentary principles of the world that are opposed to the teachings of Christ.
5. The teachings and doctrines that were taught to them by Epaphras.
6. Christ is the truth and nothing but the truth.