

THIRVE series
fall 2018
week 2 outline

Built up in Christ

Designed. Joined-together. Hopeful.

6 *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.* **Col 2:6-7**

I. Life Torn Down not Built Up

Apart from Christ, we are told...

A. "I'm an unsuspecting- happenstance"

-somehow brought together by sheer chance

-left to a life with no POINT

B. "I'm an accidental- mistake"

-not quite turning out like I should have

-left to a life with no PLAN

C. "I'm an unstable- screw up"

-unfit for anything useful or important

-left to a life with no PURPOSE

II. A Life Lived BY Christ, IN Christ, and BECAUSE OF Christ

Built up: epoikodomeo:

-from (epi): "fitting on" — intensifier

-and (oikodomeo): "to build up"

-together: "to build upon following a plan with pre-designed specifications"

IN CHRIST WE ARE BEING BUILT UP
DESIGNED BY HIM, OUR CHIEF- ARCHITECT
JOINED TOGETHER IN HIM, OUR MASTER-BUILDER
& FULL OF HOPE BECAUSE OF HIM, OUR CORNER-STONE

A. Designed by Jesus, our Chief-Architect (Hebrews 12:1-2)

-We have been created by design to run with endurance.

How might a focus on Christ as our designer bring longevity to our walks with him?

B. Joined Together in Jesus, our Master-BUILDER (Eph 2:10)

-We have been skillfully gifted and brought together for good works that last.

How might a dependence on Christ as our master-craftsman change our view of work?

C. Hopeful because of Jesus, our Corner-Stone (Eph 2:19-22)

-We have been built upon the only thing that will stand the test of time.

How might a reliance on Christ as our solid foundation bring us renewed hope in life?

III. Living Stones (1 Pet 2:4-5)

A. Every stone is laid on a solid-foundation

-set below the freeze line to withstand heaving

B. Every stone has a setback

-resting back on itself to bring stability and keeping it from toppling

C. Every stone has a unique shape

-each different than the others

D. Every stone has a special place

-perfectly suited for a vital function in the wall

E. Every stone is tightly fit

-smoothed and shaped by the mason

F. Every stone overlaps a joint

-covering the weaknesses of the others

G. Every stone comes together

-making a wall that carries the handprint of the craftsman who made it