

BUILT DIFFERENT:

Know, Grow, and Watch Out!

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Message Summary.

Paul warns against false versions of Jesus and challenges believers to stay rooted in the real Christ. The world is filled with competing voices, spiritual confusion, and “Christian-ish” ideas. Spiritual maturity doesn’t happen accidentally. God is continually strengthening weak places, deepening roots, and building His people into the image of Christ.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Colossians 2:1-4 | Paul is concerned for believers to know the real Jesus and not be deceived by persuasive and false teaching.

Colossians 2:6-7 | Christ-followers are called to continue walking with Jesus by faith every day, growing deep roots and spiritual strength in Him.

Colossians 2:8-10 | Jesus alone is fully God and sufficient.

Philippians 1:6 | God faithfully continues His work of shaping and transforming believers until Christ returns.

Start Talking.

1. What’s something you thought would be simple to maintain, and it ended up requiring constant work or attention?
2. Have you ever believed something confidently and later realized it wasn’t true?
3. What voices, influences, or trends compete for people’s attention and beliefs today?

Start Thinking.

- Why was Paul so passionate about protecting people from false teaching?
- From the sermon: “If you don’t know the real Jesus, eventually you’ll fall for a fake one.” How is that relevant today?
- Name some modern examples of people shaping Jesus into someone who simply affirms their preferences.
- Why is spiritual growth more like ongoing “road construction” than assembling furniture?
- What does it practically look like to “walk by faith every day”?

- Why do shallow roots often get exposed during difficult seasons?



Start Sharing.

1. What part of the sermon challenged or encouraged you the most?
2. How is God (maybe) strengthening weak places or rebuilding foundations in you?
3. Have you gone through a season where your faith was tested or challenged? What helped you stay grounded?
4. What voices currently influence your thinking the most? Are they drawing you closer to Jesus or distracting you from Him?
5. Which of these three challenges do you most need right now: Know the real Jesus, Grow deeper in Jesus, or Watch out for deception?
6. What does being “hard to kidnap” spiritually look like in everyday life?

Start Praying.

Jesus, thank You for revealing Yourself to us through Scripture. Help us know You more deeply and protect us from false ideas that pull us away from the truth. Strengthen our faith, deepen our roots, and continue shaping us into the people You want us to become. Give us wisdom to recognize deception, courage to stand firm in truth, and hearts that overflow with thankfulness. Keep building us into your people. Amen.

Start Doing.

- Spend 15 minutes a day reading the Gospel of John. Ask: “Jesus, show me who You are.”
- Audit the voices shaping your thinking.
- Remove or limit an influence that consistently distracts you from Jesus.
- Take a clear step toward spiritual growth.
- Memorize Colossians 2:6-7.
- Reach out to someone who may be drifting and encourage them toward Jesus.