**“Living in Jesus Christ”**

Going deeper in Colossians 2:1-7

**INTRODUCTION**

The Apostle Paul has been sharing with the church in Colossae why he does what he does in ministry. He continues that in this passage.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.*

1 I want you to know how hard I am working for you and those in Laodicea and for all those who have not met me personally. 2 I do this work so that hearts may be encouraged and knit together in love so that you may have all the riches and full assurance of knowing the mystery of God, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say all this so that no one will deceive with finely crafted arguments. 5 Even though I am not with you in person, I am with you in spirit and I rejoice to see your good order and the solidness of your faith in Christ. 6 So then, just as you welcomed Jesus Christ into your hearts and minds as Lord continue your journey in Him, 7 deeply rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you were taught, and continue to overflow with thanksgiving.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What do you think it means to encourage hearts? What would that look like practically? Who has encouraged you? How did they do that? How can you do that for others?

2. What do you think it means to be knit together a group of people in love? What might that mean practically? How can you do that for others in your small group? Your church family?

3. What do you think is the mystery hidden in Jesus Christ?

4. In verses 6-7 what are the things that Paul wants them to continue in? What is the Lord Jesus calling you to continue in?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Thank the Lord that He has given you deep roots, has built you up, and established you in the faith.

\*Praise the Lord for all His good gifts and ask Him to give you the ability to overflow with thanksgiving today.

\*Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with the Holy Spirit so you can grow deeper in your faith this week.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

The Apostle Paul calls each of us to continue to live in Jesus. That means that you will have roots that continue to go deeper as you grow in your faith and a sense of thanksgiving. What are the things you need to do to grow in your faith? Will you do that this week?