

**Staying Connected To Christ In This New Year.
(Merry Christmas)
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Colossians 2:6-7-NKJV

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Passion Bible – 6 In the same way you received Jesus our Lord and Messiah by faith, continue your journey of faith, progressing further into your union with him!

7 Your spiritual roots go deeply into his life as you are continually infused with strength, encouraged in every way. For you are established in the faith you have absorbed and enriched by your devotion to him!

We are rooted in Christ and firmly established in Him.

The word “**rooted**” – means... *to be firmly rooted or fixed into place, like a tree that is deeply rooted and therefore immovable.*

Ephesians 3:17-Passion

17Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you, and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of your life, providing you with a secure foundation that grows and grows.

The words “**built up**” - depicts something that grows upward and is built on a strong, solid foundation...

Hebrews 3:6-AMP.

And it is we who are [*now members*] of this house, **if we hold fast** and **firm to the end** our joyful and exultant confidence and sense of triumph in our hope [*in Christ*].

This can only happen as:

We regularly commune with the Lord in the Word and in prayer, allowing Him to refresh us continually with the waters of His Spirit that we need to stay alive and vibrant.