

Col 2:6-8 NIV

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

## **The Flow of the Christian Life**

1. An educational process begins with our first hearing of the basic Gospel story (the birth, the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ) and continues until we understand the story, trust its truth, and develop gratitude for the magnificent gift of salvation that God has given us through His son Jesus the Christ.
2. Conversion – that point in time where God’s grace gives us the faith to yield our lives to the Lordship of Christ. In looking back upon our lives, we may not be able to determine the exact moment of that event, but the Holy Spirit came into us at a moment in time and sealed us for eternity.
3. This wonderful event initiates another educational process that will continue for the rest of our lives. This progression will involve both *healing* from the past and *training* for the future.

*(The Basics Needed to Grow Spiritually)*

### **FELLOWSHIP**

1. a good Bible teaching church
2. a life-giving small group
3. a committed mentor

### **PRAYER**

1. God talks to you - listening prayer
2. you talk to God - ACTS  
*Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication*

### **THE WORD**

1. read
2. hear
3. study
4. memorize
5. meditate