

Thriving Faith

Colossians 2:6-7

A THRIVING FAITH ALWAYS BEGINS AT THE SAME PLACE

*“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus as Lord,
so walk in Him”* Colossians 2:6

The Christian life always has a definite beginning

It always involves a personal choice to surrender to His Lordship

The Christian life involves a personal commitment to live for Jesus

To be a believer is not to believe **about** Jesus –
it is to believe **in** Jesus as Lord

Walking with Him becomes the defining reality of your life

A THRIVING FAITH IS A GROWING FAITH

“rooted and built up in Him” Colossians 2:7

A thriving vine depends upon a balance between the visible and the invisible

You have to be rooted in your private faith

You have to be built up in your public walk

Two words mean everything where a fruitful faith is concerned

Authenticity

Transparency

A THRIVING FAITH PRODUCES FRUIT THAT LASTS

“established in the faith” Colossians 2:7

Strong branches remain firmly connected to the vine

We don't rely upon our own power, or depend upon our personal godliness to be fruitful

A fruitful branch knows that all of the life flows from the vine

God's plan for you is the same for every believer - **abundance**