

No Roots, No Fruit, No Future

Proverbs 12:12 [Amplified Bible] *“The wicked desires the booty [plunder] of evil men, but the root of the uncompromising righteous yields richer fruit.”*

A bough of a tree that breaks off in a violent storm may bloom briefly, giving the impression of a healthy and fruitful branch, but the blossoms will soon perish and the bough itself wither and die.

There is **no** lasting life apart from the root.

The apostle Paul exhorts us to look to the root and sources of our Christian life.

Ephesians 3:14-21 [NIV] *“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

The only way we can be “*rooted and established in love*” is through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the very Spirit of Jesus Christ. [**Romans 8:9**]

Colossians 2:6-7 [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.”*

Thankfulness is part of this being “*rooted*” in Jesus Christ.

John 15:1-8 [NIV] *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”*

The disciple of Jesus Christ is expected to bear “*much fruit*.”

John 15:16 [NIV] *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”*

“*Fruit*” will be eternal fruit, so could only be fruit that is produced in us by the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25 [NIV] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”*

Which are the very characteristics of the Creator God Himself.

We can **only** be “*rooted*” in Jesus Christ if we have studied His Life and His Words, all of which is recorded in God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 [NIV] *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

This being equipped for “*good work*” can be at this present time, when we are seeking to counter the work of deception by Satan, who is blinding the vast majority of humans to the Gospel Message. [**2 Corinthians 4:4**]

Revelation 12:11 [NIV] *“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”*

The “*him*” is Satan [**v9**] and “*they*” are Christians [**v11**], their “*testimony*” would include being able to tell of the hope they have in Jesus Christ, [**1 Peter 3:15**] and what His sacrifice means for all humanity. [**John 3:16-17**]

Being well-versed in the Word of God, the Christian Bible, will also be the foundation of our “*good work*” at the return of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:4-6 [NIV] *“John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.”*

A family [kingdom] of priests [teachers] of all who live through the tribulations as recorded by the apostle John in Revelation, and all who will be born during this 1,000-year period. [**Revelation 20:1-4**]

But the work of “*well rooted*” Christians will not end then.

Revelation 20:11-13 [NIV] *“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.”*

The “*books*” that were opened to these people, who had lived and died without knowing Jesus Christ as their Saviour, are the “*books*” of God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

Without “*roots*” well-established in God’s Word there is **no** future place for any human being in the eternal created family [Kingdom] of God.

The whole purpose of this website is to help everyone who visits it to prepare for their future of “*good works*” as created children of God.

A Christian or a Church that is soundly rooted in the Word of God, the Christian Bible, **cannot** be destroyed.

But nothing can save a Christian or a Church that is without the root of righteousness or if that root has dried up.

Matthew 13:1-9 [NIV] *“That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the*

shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop, a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Fruitfulness depended on roots in the right ground.

Jesus Christ then gave the spiritual meaning of this parable to His disciples. [Matthew 13:18-23]

Jesus Christ then added another parable on a similar theme.

Matthew 13:24-30 [NIV] *"Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" "An enemy did this," he replied. The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."'"*

Christians will have to mature in a world that has been blinded by Satan to the Gospel Message. [2 Corinthians 4:4]

Matthew 13:36-43 [NIV] *"Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.' He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.'"*

The fulfilment of the meaning of this parable is recorded, ahead of time, for us to meditate on and hopefully seek repentance and forgiveness.

2 Peter 3:9 [NIV] *"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

God's deep loving desire is that all humans will come to a place of repentance, but God will never force anyone, it has to be a personal choice.

Hebrews 11:24-26 [NIV] *"By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward."*

Moses made the choice to give up all that this world could offer him to seek the future rewards that God had offered him through Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 [NIV] *"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."*

Every human being will be offered the same choice.

Joshua 24:15 [NIV] *“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”*