

FEBRUARY 2016, DAY Part 51

TITLE: BY FAITH ROOTED AND GROUNDING IN LOVE

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love," Ephesians 3:17

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside waters, that stretch out its roots to the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green. In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit" (Jer. 17:7-9).

TRUTHS/NUGGETS

1. 1 Corinthians 2:5 says, *"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."*
2. Many people are lost by eighteen inches." Eighteen inches is the distance from your head to your heart. Many are content to have the head knowledge, but not that personal connection with Christ.
3. Another requirement for growth is air. Prayer is the breath of the soul. A person can live for only a few minutes without breathing, for a few days without water, and for a few weeks without food. Do you see then why we are told to "Pray without ceasing"?

4. *"Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Col 2: 7).*
5. *"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it" (Mt 7: 24-27).*
6. *"hears the word and immediately receives it with joy" (Matt 13:20)*
7. *"yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while" (Matt 13:21)*
8. *"when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles" (Mt 13:21)*
9. It hears and understands the word (Matt. 13:23).
10. It hears and accepts (Mark 4:20).
11. It hears and holds fast the word (Luke 8:15).
12. "indeed bears fruit and produces" (Matt 13:23)

FINAL THOUGHTS

1. The roots guarantee the fruit.
2. Romans 11:16 *"For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches."*
3. **WHATEVER THE MAN OF FAITH DOES, HE PROSPERS; Psalm 1:3** *"He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers."*

"Reach for the top, the bottom is overcrowded!" – JEROME LIBERTY