

## **Bible Study Topic: Being Rooted and Grounded in Love. What does that really mean?**

1. Being rooted and ground in love means to be rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ. In the Bible, Jesus is considered love. Every born-again believer is rooted and grounded in Christ Jesus who is love. Jesus is their foundation in which they live life.
  - **1 John 4:8 (KJV)** - He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
  - **Ephesians 3:17 (KJV)** - That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
  - **Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV)** - As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
2. When a person is rooted and grounded in love, aka Christ Jesus, they can live a true life with God. Let's look in this more in-depth to gain a clearer understanding.
3. The person that trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted by water, that spreads out their roots by the river, they don't know when the heat cometh, but their leaf shall be green. They are not careful in the year of drought and neither shall they cease from yielding fruit.
  - **Jeremiah 17:8 (KJV)** - For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.
4. The person that trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted near the waters. A tree that has no water source will eventually die. A tree that has a constant supply of water will not thirst and will grow. The Bible often refers to water as the Holy Ghost and also the Word. This tree relies on the water which is the Word, Jesus, Holy Spirit, or in other words God who causes them to grow and have life.
  - **John 1:1 (KJV)** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

•**John 1:14 (KJV)** - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

•**Ephesians 5:26 (KJV)** - That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

•**John 4:14 (KJV)** - But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

5. A tree that is near water will have the roots grow out towards the water to drink from it. God says for a born-again believer to be rooted and grounded in love. Jesus/God is love according to scripture. Jesus says those that believe on him, out of their belly shall flow rivers of living waters. Jesus was referring to the Holy Spirit flowing from within them.

•**1 John 4:16 (KJV)** - And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

•**Ephesians 3:17 (KJV)** - That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

•**Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV)** - As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

•**John 7:38-39 (KJV)** - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

6. In other words, the person that trusts in the Lord will be rooted and grounded in love which is God/Jesus. Their roots are by the river, so they are filled with the Holy Ghost, they are dwelling in God and God in them.

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