

Rooted in Truth: Trees of Righteousness

When we abide where the Lord plants us, and obey His truth we are free indeed. We become trees on which the world can find His righteous fruits.

Rooted in Truth: Seeds, Roots, and Fruits:

Those rooted in Christ produce the righteous fruit that pleases God. Disobedience and lies threaten this freedom, it's time to uproot evil fruit with the truth.

Rooted in Truth: Growing Where God Plants Us:

In the beginning, God placed us in His goodness, but through deception came death and displacement. We must be replanted in truth to obtain life in Christ.

Rooted in Truth: Guarding the Soil of Your Heart:

Our new life in Christ comes with a new heart and spirit full of His grace and truth. This godly heart must be guarded as we actively reject lies and protect the truth.

The Planting of the Lord

1 Corinthians 1:26-29
New Living Translation

26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy[a] when God called you. 27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 28 God chose things despised by the world,[b] things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

- We're not what we were before He called us anymore! We are wise, wealthy, and powerful IN HIM!

John 15:16

New Living Translation

16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

- Chosen and appointed to produce HIS lasting fruit! Not the fruit of your fathers or circumstances.

The Power of the Planter

Isaiah 61:1-3

New King James Version

The Good News of Salvation

61 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to [a]heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
3 To [b]console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,

The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

- God, where are they? “They’re broken.”
He has sent Me to [a]heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives (TRUTH TO UPROOT)

Psalm 1:1-3

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- 1 Oh, the joys of those who do not
follow the advice of the wicked,
or stand around with sinners,
or join in with mockers.
- 2 But they delight in the law of the Lord,
meditating on it day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank,
bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither,
and they prosper in all they do.

Evidence of Trees Planted by Him

1. Joy!
2. A love of God’s word, proven by meditations day and night. Our roots are our thoughts so we must think about His thoughts to produce His fruit.
3. Fruit for every season of life.

Galatians 5:22-23

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22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Square Testimony

4. Healthy leaves absorbing light and direct water towards the roots.
5. Prosper in ALL they do!

Follow the Vine!

John 15:1-10

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Jesus, the True Vine

15 “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. 3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

- A tree’s roots absorb nutrients to produce its fruits. Our thoughts are the roots we use to absorb life.
- Thoughts become actions and our actions are the fruit of our character.

Romans 8:5-7

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5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. 7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will.

- Follow the vine by obeying and holding onto His truth. In doing so you will have spiritual life as you abide. Walk in the Spirit, walk with the Spirit! Hold hands with His commands. Hold hands with His word, hold it by faith and produce its fruit.

Psalm 23:4

New King James Version

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

- Follow the voice of the Holy Spirit. We will know the truth and remain free as we follow the Spirit of Truth. He reminds us of the Lord's/Vine's words so we can produce His fruit.
- Obey His words to produce His fruit.

Ephesians 4:2

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2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

- The way of escaping from temptation is the way of the Spirit. If we hold onto the world we will produce only lust and sin.

Rooted in Truth

Colossians 2:7

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7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Acts 17:28

New Living Translation

28 For in him we live and move and exist....

- Live- Have Truth as a source and author of life and faith.
- Move - Have Truth as a source of our actions, motives, expressions, work, play.
- Exist - Have Truth as a source for our identity.