**LET US BE DEEPLY ROOTED**

**PART I**

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**INTRO:**

**Illustration: The root system of a tree is below the ground and serves primarily to anchor the tree in the soil and take up water and minerals. Roots are not usually seen, but they are no less important to the tree.

The growth and branches of a tree will only be as healthy as its roots are strong and deep. A palm tree can grow in the most desert-like conditions. In drought everything around it will dry up and die, but the palm tree will continue to grow in freshness. This is because it has a long tap-root that goes deep into the ground and finds the water beneath.

So it is with us as Christians. Many passages speak to the importance of God’s people building a healthy “root system.”**

**\*\*Apostle Paul illustrates that Christian life should be rooted and built up this just like a tree that is rooted and built up...
\*\*If we're not rooted and built up someday we will end up blowing away or dying spiritually, and then . . .**

**1. We will no longer Sprout.**

 **a. Our Hearts will no longer Bud.**

 **b. Our Hope will no longer Blossom.
2. We will no longer Spawn.**

 **a. You will not produce Fruit.**

 **b. You will not present Faith.
3. We will no longer Shade.**

 **a. Our shade needs to be casted on heavy pews.**

**\*Be interested and involved in the service and the scripture.**

 **b. Our shade needs to be casted over hurting people.**

**\*Cast a shade using scripture and supplication.
4. We will no longer Stand.**

 **a. When we quit Studying the Scripture, we’ll fall.**

 **b. When we quit Seeking the Spirit, we’ll fall.**

 **c. When we quit Serving the Savior, we’ll fall.**

**\*\*Seventy percent of young people drop out of church before they reach adulthood. The reason that happens is because church goers are not becoming deeply rooted Christians!**

**\*\*It has happened in my family, and it has happened in your family. It will happen with your kids and grandkids if you do not get deeply rooted in Christ, in Church, and in Christianity and teach your kids and grandkids how to do the same!**

**\*\*What do we need to be deeply rooted in as Christians?**

**I. GET DEEPLY ROOTED IN SOUND DOCTRINE**

**Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**

**\*\*Spoil – to carry you away and make you a slave.**

**\*\*Rudiments – Sounds of speech or elements of speech.**

**In other words, you start speaking worldly and carnal instead of speaking the language and words of Christ when you are not deeply rooted in sound doctrine.**

**Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:**

**II Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**

 **A. Get Rooted in Sound Doctrine concerning the Savior
John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**\*\*Get your family deeply rooted in the doctrine that . . .**

 **1. Jesus is Lord!**

 **2. Jesus is Living!**

 **3. Jesus is Loving!**

 **B. Get Rooted in Sound Doctrine concerning the Scriptures
Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.**

**\*\*Get your family deeply rooted in the doctrine that . . .**

 **1. God’s Word is Holy!**

 **2. God’s Word is Heavenly!**

 **3. God’s Word is Honest!**

 **4. God’s Word is Helpful!**

 **5. God’s Word is Him!**

 **C. Get Rooted in Sound Doctrine concerning true Salvation**

**John 3:16 . . . whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

**\*\*How does Sound Doctrine state that we get saved?**

 **1. Respond – Respond to the Gospel and to God by approaching Him!**

 **2. Repent – Confess and turn from Sin and Satan!**

 **3. Reveal – Show God your heart and reveal to Him that you do in fact believe He is Lord, and He is Living!**

 **4. Receive – Accept the Savior, the Salvation, and the Spirit into your life as a free gift from God!**

**\*\*Some folks biggest problem is they have a hard time accepting the free and clear gifts of God in their life.**

 **5. Rejoice – Salvation is Powerful, Precious, and Present in a newborn again Christian and is worth rejoicing over!**

**\*\*So many people have been carried away like slaves by believing unsound and strange doctrine, philosophies, deceit, traditions, and rudiments (language); therefore, they have believed lies and believe they’re going to heaven. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HEAVEN!**

 **D. Get Rooted in Sound Doctrine concerning the Spirit
John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, . . . whatsoever I have said unto you.**

 **1. The Spirit is a Comforter for the Heart.**

 **2. The Spirit is a Commander for the Holy.**

**\*\*If you are not deeply rooted in sound doctrine, you will believe the Holy Spirit is present in false worship and fleshly ways.**

 **E. Get Rooted in Sound Doctrine concerning the Standards**

**II Corinthians 6:15-18 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.**

**\*\*If you are deeply rooted in sound doctrine it will be easily detected and seen in your standards.**

**\*\*Sound Biblical Standards will be revealed in your . . .**

 **1. Distance**

**II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,**

 **a. You’ll distance yourself from the Ungodliness.**

 **b. You’ll distance yourself from the Unnatural.**

 **c. You’ll distance yourself from the Unholy.**

 **2. Disagreements**

**II Corinthians 6:16 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God;**

 **a. People deeply rooted in Sound Doctrine disagrees with Worldliness and will say it.**

 **b. People deeply rooted in Sound Doctrine disagrees with Wickedness and will say it.**

 **3. Decency**

 **II Corinthians 6:17b touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,**

 **a. Decency means your Language is Clean.**

**\*\*Whither you’re in someone’s face or in someone’s Facebook, your language will be clean if you’re decent.**

 **b. Decency means your Look is Conservative.**

**\*\*People who purposely displays a revealing and rebellious look and style are not deeply rooted in sound doctrine.**

 **c. Decency means your Living is Close.**

**\*\*People who say they are Living in the Scripture and Living in the Spirit and are really Living in their Sinfulness are fakes and frauds as well as pretenders and phonies.**

**\*\*Decency is coming clean before God, repenting, and changing whatever is wrong in your life and getting it right despite whatever that may do to your pocketbook or to your pride.**

**\*\*Too many church goers, church officers, Sunday School teachers, Choir members, deacons, and some preachers are not deeply rooted in biblical sound doctrine when it comes to standards. Then we are shocked when these folks get out of church.**

 **F. Get Rooted in Sound Doctrine concerning the Separation**

**Matthew 13: 24-25, 30 24 . . .The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

[**25**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-25/)**But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.** [**30**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-30/)**Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.**

**\*\*If you don’t get anything else straight today, please get this sound bible truth doctrine straight!**

 **1. Sinful people will Sizzle in Hell!**

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**\*\*Any other teaching or preaching or seminar or webcast or broadcast or training that says otherwise is a lie from the pits of hell!**

**\*\*The Master will come one day in the clouds and he will separate the wheat from the tares. Some will be separated to go to the blazes of Hell, and others will be separated to go to the blessings of Heaven!**

**Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

**\*\*If the Lord came back right now to separate us up, would you be going to Hell or to Heaven?**

**\*\*We do not know when the Lord will come to gather His children, so we better get deeply rooted in sound doctrine now!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*I see a trend and a problem in the church, and that problem is that people are not deeply rooted in sound doctrine!**

**\*\*Too many are Lacking in their Learning, Lazy in their Loyalty, Low in their Leadership, Lax in their Love, and Loose in their Living all because they are not deeply rooted in Sound Doctrine!**

**\*\*Are you Shallow in the Scripture and Standoffish in the Service? I’M AFRAID FOR YOU!**

**\*\*TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY AND DEDICATE YOURSELF TO GET DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE DOCTRINE OF . . .**

 **1. The Savior**

 **2. The Scripture**

 **3. True Salvation**

 **4. The Spirit**

 **5. The Standards**

 **6. The Separation**

**\*\*Will you Believe it today? Will you Receive it today?**

**\*\*This altar should be filled with people who sincerely desire to get rooted in sound doctrine.**

**\*\*This altar should be filled with parents and grandparents who sincerely desire that their children and grandchildren get saved and then get deeply rooted in sound doctrine.**

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**PART 2**

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**\*\*In Part 1, the message emphasized how it is very important to be deeply rooted Christians because if you are not deeply rooted like a palm tree, you will no longer Sprout, Spawn, Shade, nor Stand!**

**\*\*It was mentioned that 70% of young people drop out of church before they reach adulthood, and we can blame that on church goers who are not being deeply rooted Christians!**

**\*\*The first point or topic of the message was to GET DEEPLY ROOTED IN SOUND DOCTRINE.**

**\*\*We need to get deeply rooted in the Sound Doctrine concerning . . .**

 **1. The Savior (He is Lord, Living, and Loving!)**

 **2. The Scripture (It is Holy, Heavenly, Honest, and**

 **Helpful.)**

 **3. True Salvation**

**\*\*We spoke about how to truly be saved. Respond, Repent, Reveal (Believing Jesus is Lord and Living), Receive, and Rejoice.**

 **4. The Spirit (He is our Comforter and Commander.)**

 **5. The Standards**

**\*\*While in the world and around wickedness . . .**

 **a. We must Keep our Distance.**

 **b. We must Keep our Disagreements.**

 **c. We must Keep our Decency.**

**\*\*This is where we left off, and this is where we will pick up from.**

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**II. GET DEEPLY ROOTED IN STEADY DEVOTION**

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**Colossians 2:7 “stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught”**

**Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him . . .**

**\*\*When there is steady devotion to Christ, the Church, and Christianity, then men’s philosophies, traditions, and vain deceit cannot come along and enslave you.**

**\*\*Instead, you will be established in the faith and complete in the Lord.**

 **A. Steady Devotion leads to Thankfulness**

**Colossians 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.**

**\*\*If you’re truly thankful, you will be truly devoted!**

**\*\*We’re devoted because we’re thankful . . .**

 **1. For Our Savior!**

 **2. For Our Salvation!**

**\*\*Thank God for the Price, the Pain, and the Purpose of it!**

 **3. For Our Sanctuary**

**\*\*Sanctuary means a place of refuge, resort, and rest.**

 **a. There’s a Sanctuary City I call Heaven!**

 **b. There’s a Sanctuary City I call Holy!**

 **c. There’s a Sanctuary City I call Home!**

**\*\*The more Devoted you are, the more Thankful you will be. The more Thankful you are, the more Devoted you will be.**

 **B. Steady Devotion leads to Trust
Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**

 **1. Get rooted and devoted to Trusting His Word**

 **a. When your problem is Big – trust His Word!**

 **b. When your problem is Bad – trust His Word!**

 **2. Get rooted and devoted to trusting His Will**

**Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**

**\*\*Be devoted to fully trusting God’s will . . .**

 **a. When you Pray**

 **b. While you Praise**

 **3. Get rooted and devoted to trusting His Ways**

**Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.**

**\*\*Trust His way and His ways because they’re . . .**

 **a. Always Right**

 **b. Always Righteous**

**\*\*There’s no way you are trusting the Lord’s way or ways:**

 **\*If your Heart is Sinful!**

 **\*If your Home is Sinful!**

 **c. Always Rewarding**

**\*\*There’s a blessing in His Goodness and in His Grace when we trust His way and His ways!**

**\*\* The more Devoted you are, the more you will Trust Him. The more you Trust Him, the more Devoted you’ll be.**

 **C. Steady Devotion leads to Testifying**

**Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

**Acts 14:3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace . . .**

**\*\*Your Steady Devotion testifies, and the more you get deeply rooted in your dedication and devotion, the more you will testify through your Lifestyle and through your Language.**

**\*\*Your Lifestyle and Language will . . .**

 **1. Testify of His Grace**

 **a. His Grace is Transformational**

 **b. His Grace is Triumphant**

 **2. Testify of His Glory**

 **a. Jesus is the Glorious Son!**

 **b. Jesus is the Glorious Savior!**

 **3. Testify of His Goodness**

 **a. Your devotion testifies that He is good to His Children!**

 **b. Your devotion testifies that He is good to His Church!**

**\*\*He’s good because He makes the Church Spiritual when His Spirit gets in the Service, the Songs, the Sermon, and in the Soul!**

**\*\*He’s good because He makes the Church Special.**

**\*\*It’s is important to get deeply rooted in Steady Devotion because it is a testimony about your Christ and your Church!**

**\*\*The more Devoted you are, the more your ways and words will Testify of Him. The more your ways and words Testify of Him, the more Devoted you’ll be.**

 **D. Steady Devotion leads to Thoughts**

**Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.**

**\*\*Deep Devotion will cause you to . . .**

 **1. Think about thoughts of Purity**

 **a. Holy Thoughts**

 **b. Honest Thoughts**

 **c. Honorable Thoughts**

 **2. Think about thoughts of Praise**

 **a. Praise Him for the Blood**

 **b. Praise Him for the Book**

 **c. Praise Him for the Blessings**

**\*\*Some people’s minds are steadily devoted to thinking about the Gossip, the Gibberish, the Gutter, the Glamorous, the Glory, the Games, the Goofy, and the Googling instead of being deeply rooted in steadily thinking about God, the Gospel, and the things of God!**

**\*\*No wonder the church is not full! No wonder members are not faithful! No wonder marriages are failing! No wonder young people are floating and falling away!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*We have a problem in our Country. We have a problem in our Community. We have a problem in our County. We have a problem in our Churches. We have a problem in our Christianity. The problem is people are not deeply rooted in Sound Doctrine, and they’re not deeply rooted in Steady Devotion.**

 **1. People are not Steadily Devoted to Bible Studying; therefore, they are not devoted to Church.**

 **2. People are not Steadily Devoted to Believing Scripture; therefore, they are not devoted to Christ.**

**\*\*Some say, “Now you’re judging! You don’t know that!” And you would be right. I’m judging their fruit, and I’m not seeing a lot of fruit!**

**\*\*If we are so steady in our devotion to the Savior, the Scripture, and the Service, then where is the fruit?**

**A. Where is the fruit of Happy Thankfulness?**

**B. Where is the fruit of Honestly Trusting?**

**C. Where is the fruit of Humbly Testifying?**

**D. Where is the fruit of Holy Thoughts?**

**\*\*There are unsaved people who have not these fruits, and there are shallow saved people who have very little fruit!**

**\*\*We should be ashamed of ourselves take to this altar like a mob and dive in it deep and cry out to God, “Forgive me Lord, and please plant me and get me Deeply Rooted in Sound Doctrine and Steady Devotion!”**