



Pastor Paul Chappell, Sunday Morning, January 1, 2012
COLOSSIANS 2:6-8 “6 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. 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.”
PSALM 1:3 “3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

Introduction

Why We Need to Be Rooted

1. The Teaching of False Teachers (2 Corinthians 11:13-14)
2. Cultural Drift Away from God
3. The Pull of the Flesh (Galatians 5:17)
4. The Uprooting of Family (2 Timothy 3:1-3)
5. The Removal of Ancient Landmarks (Proverbs 22:28)

QUOTE: “Today, we are neither rooted nor do we have much sense of belonging. We are in fact the uprooted generations, the disconnected, the drifters, the alone. We are being blown around by the windstorms of modernity. Our roots in families, place, and work have all withered or been cut off.”
—David F. Wells, *The Courage to Be Protestant*

How Can We Find Nourishment and Stability in Days of Upheaval?

1. The _____ of Spiritual Roots (v.7)

QUOTE: “Our sense of sin is in proportion to our nearness to God.”

3. The _____ of Spiritual Roots

(Psalm 1:3)

QUOTE: “Whenever there is a fruit problem, there is a root problem.”

_____ Fruit

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper” (Psalm 1:2-3).

_____ Fruit

My Rooted Commitments

Because I do not want my life to be like chaff in the wind and because I need to be firmly rooted in my relationship with Jesus Christ:

My Time for Personal Devotions Will Be...

My Bible Reading Schedule Will Be...

- Through the Bible (Genesis to Revelation)
- Old and New Testament Portion Daily

My Normal Place for Bible Reading Will Be...

My Adult Bible Class Is...

- I will attend Revival Sunday.
- I will attend the Intentionally Rooted Meeting with Pastor and Mrs. Chappell at 10:00 AM on Sunday, January 22.

Conclusion

2 Corinthians 11:13
For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

Galatians 5:17
For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other.

2 Timothy 3:1
This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Proverbs 22:28
Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.



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

Matthew 13:5-6
Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: and when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

Psalms 1:2-3
But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Acts 20:32
And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

A Planting in _____

QUOTE: “You are made for a Person and a Place. The Person is Jesus and the Place is Heaven.”

A Pursuit of _____

Three Ways We Pursue Him

1. Walk with Him.

2. Become Rooted in Him. (Matthew 13:5-6)

QUOTE: “Modern mankind can go anywhere, do everything and be completely curious about the universe. But only a rare person now and then is curious enough to want to know God.”—**A.W. Tozer**

3. Become Planted in His Word. (Psalm 1:2-3)

QUOTE: “Can we see the most basic point here? It is that the church in its earliest days was a learning community. What it was learning was the ways of God, His character, His acts, through the truth He had given and was giving them. This they knew was indispensable for a life of obedience in this world. By contrast, all of this is conspicuous by its absence in much of the contemporary evangelical church. Knowledge of the Bible ranks low in how the born-again judge themselves. And the preaching of the Bible’s truth has all but disappeared from many churches. We are today walking away from what we see modeled for us in the book of Acts as God’s will for the church.”—**David Wells**

Ways to Become Planted in His Word

1. Choose a Time.

QUOTE: “There is always time for the will of God.”

2. Choose a Place.

3. Choose a Plan. (Acts 17:11)

4. Choose Spiritual Discipline. (1 Timothy 4:7)

QUOTE: “Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the Book widens and deepens with our years.”—**C.H. Spurgeon**

2 Corinthians 2:9-10

For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:6

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2. The _____ of Spiritual Roots (v.8)

The _____ of This World

A Warning

Four Key Words

1. Beware: *to be cautious; alert to risks or dangers*

2. Spoil: *carry away*

3. Philosophy: *the pursuit of wisdom and knowledge*

4. Rudiments of the World: *what is earthly, carnal, and outward* (2 Corinthians 2:9-10)

A Choice

QUOTE: “Tradition is not an acceptable word today. The past is culturally passé. Americans refuse to believe what a previous generation believed.”

QUOTE: “But why this disciplined emphasis on tradition and memory? Because of the rootlessness of today’s culture. The contemporary world’s post-Christian mindset, its confusing pluralism, its broken families, the high rate of divorces, and the nomadic mobility of so many have produced a generation without memory or tradition. And frankly this is where many Christian families are—especially if they have not come from Christian backgrounds. These Christians feel rootless, alien, and insecure. This is sufficient reason from every Christian family to take conscious and disciplined measures to cultivate tradition and memory. But there is an even more compelling reason. Namely, God’s Word dramatically recommends that all believing families cultivate both spiritual memory and spiritual traditions to commemorate and celebrate God’s goodness.”—**Kent and Barbara Hughes, Disciplines of a Godly Family**

The _____ of the Ungodly