

Rooted In Christ - Kimo Hoopai, December 1, 2024

“Rooted In Christ “ means to be firmly established in the faith of Jesus Christ with a conviction that nothing can pull you away from what God’s Word says. The Bible uses roots as a metaphor for strength in the faith. Understanding how a tree grows is a best way to describe what rooted in Christ means. If you envision a tree that grows hundreds of feet tall and even grow several branches during its lifetime. The strong roots of the tree are the foundation and allow the tree to grow tall and strong. Just like a tree, we are called to grow produce fruit as a Christian for God’s glory.



Colossians 2:6-7 NIV 6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Notes: New life in Christ starts and continues when we acknowledge him as leader over all we are and do. Then we must accept his leadership daily by being rooted, built up, and strengthened in the faith. Christ wants to guide us and help us with all our decisions and challenges. You can live for Christ by (1) committing your life and submitting your will to him (2) seeking to learn from him and more about him, his life, and his teachings and (3) recognizing and

utilizing the Holy Spirit’s power within you.

Ephesians 3:14 -18 NIV 14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Notes: If we want to receive his blessing of this inner strength, it is important that we stay in contact with other believers in the body of Christ. Those who isolate themselves from God’s family and try to live their lives alone cut themselves off from much of God’s power.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 NIV 7 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him .8 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Notes: In times of trouble, those who trust in human beings will be impoverished and spiritually weak, so they will have no strength to draw on. But those who trust in the Lord will have abundant strength, not only for their own needs, but also for the needs of others.

John 15:1-4 NIV 1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

Notes: The branches are all those who claim to be followers of Jesus. The fruitful branches are true believers who, by their union with him, produce much fruit. Being united with Jesus means drawing our energy and nourishment from him

Matthew 17:20 NIV He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Notes: Jesus rebuked the disciples for insufficient faith. He was showing how important faith would be in their future ministry. If you are facing problems that seem as big and immovable as a mountain, turn your eyes from the mountain and look to Jesus for more faith. Then you will be able to overcome the obstacles that stand in your way.

Matthew 7:24-27 NIV 24 *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

Notes: To build “on solid rock” means to be a hearing, responding disciple, not a phony, superficial one. Practicing obedience forms the solid foundation, enabling us to weather the storms of life. We learn how to do this by following God’s Word as he intended.

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

Notes: Because of the Resurrection, nothing we do for the Lord is useless. Sometimes we become apathetic about serving the Lord or hesitate to do good because we don’t see any results. Knowing that Christ has won the ultimate victory should affect the way we live right now. Don’t let discouragement over an apparent lack of results keep you from doing the work of the Lord enthusiastically as you have opportunity, knowing that your work will have eternal results. Amen

