

I. Rooted in God's plan of Salvation:

- A. In the Father
- B. In the Son
- C. In the Holy Spirit

II. Grounded in Jesus' Work of Redemption:

- A. In Faith
- B. In Hope
- C. In Love

III. Growing Like Jesus Grew:

- A. In Wisdom
- B. In Stature
- C. In Favor

This study of 12 verses is designed to help believers establish a solid foundation and sink their spiritual roots deep in order to grow in Christ. The goal is that as Christ dwells in us, we become more and more like Him in thought, words and actions! The Bible calls this *"bearing fruit"* (*John 15:5*). Jesus tells a parable about seeds and soils in *Mark 4:3-21*. We want "the soil of our hearts" to be like *"the good soil"* He describes in verses 8 and 20 - *yielding 30, 60 and 100 fold!*

We follow a simple outline starting with three headings accompanied by three verses that relate to: I. Rooted in God's Plan of Salvation, II. Grounded in Jesus' work of Redemption and III. Growing like Jesus Grew. Points A, B & C of each heading relating to the themes of "Rooted", "Grounded" and "Growing" has 3 topics with accompanying verses based on Bible patterns that direct us to understanding God and His design for living.

To get the most out of each verse you should read the verse in its context (the chapter and book where it is located). Then through prayer and the direction of the Holy Spirit - ask and answer these three questions:

- What does this verse say?
- What does this verse mean?
- How can I apply this verse to my life?

Pick a good version/translation and stick with it. There are many excellent versions: KJV, NKJV, RSV, NIV, NAS, ESV....

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you. Meditate on the verse in your mind. Picture it in your mind. Look for patterns. Review, review, review!

Rooted and Grounded and Growing in Christ!



*A selection of key scriptures for
growing in a personal relationship
with Jesus Christ.*

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I. Rooted in God's Plan of Salvation:

Matthew 28:19(#1)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

A. Rooted in the Father:

John 3:16(#2)

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

B. Rooted in the Son:

II Corinthians 5:21 (#3)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

C. Rooted in the Holy Spirit:

Titus 3:5(#4)

"5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,"

II. Grounded in Jesus' Work of Redemption:

Mark 10:45(#5)

"45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

A. Grounded in Faith:

Ephesians 2:8-9(#6)

"8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."

B. Grounded in Hope:

I Peter 1:3 (#7)

"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

C. Grounded in Love:

I John 3:18(#8)

"18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

III. Growing Like Jesus Grew:

Luke 2:52(#9)

"52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

A. Growing in Wisdom:

II Timothy 3:16-17(#10)

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

B. Growing in Stature:

I Corinthians 6:19(#11)

"19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

C. Growing in Favor:

Galatians 5:22-23(#12)

"22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."