

Rooted

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And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. **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.

– Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

Three Facts About The Bible:

It's **accurate.**

It's **applicable.**

It's **accessible.**

“The WHY Behind The Word!”

The Bible tells us how to be right with God.

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word... **I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.**

– Psalm 119:9, 11 (NIV)

The Bible gives us important principles & guidelines for living.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. **God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.**

– 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

The Bible creates a filter for truth.

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

– Colossians 2:8 (NLT)

The Bible is our best way to get to know God.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

– Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. **Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.**

– Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT)