

Applying Rooted Living

Text: Col. 2:7

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Being rooted in Christ involves casting our spiritual lives deeply into the things and Person of Jesus Christ whereby we can stand amid life's storms as they batter us. Holding firmly into Jesus Christ will keep us anchored in the depth of His being and character and keep us from being uprooted by the world.

III. **Being rooted in Christ involves anchoring in and building upon the Word of God (Matt. 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49).**

Beneath the exterior was a monumental flaw that, when discovered and exposed, shows that the foolish man had built his foundation – placed his hope – on something that would not last.

What are the mainline differences between a foolish and wise man?

C. **The Foolish Man (Matt. 7:26-27).**

- **The fool is impatient.**
- **The fool listens mainly to himself.**
- **The fool doesn't consider the outcome.**

While the fool may look like a Christian and even act like one, the reality is that the fool will desire certain things of the Scripture but not the whole of it. Love of God, but not holiness. Comfort and blessing, but not trials and persecution. Morality and power, but not a hungering and thirsting after righteousness and Holy Spirit power. Desire for heaven, but on his terms only.

The fool is the man who has a faith without works, and it is dead (James 2:17).

Jones says, **“He wants God's blessing, but he does not want God”** (559).

D. **The Wise Man (Matt. 7:24-25).**

He wants to build his foundation on solid ground by following the instructions he has learned and heard from God's Word. His foundation is on the Lord Jesus Christ and His words. The truths that are presented here in the sermon and in the Scriptures as a whole are applied and obeyed in the totality of his life. He is wise, not just hearing the knowledge, but applying it in his life. **His overarching desire is to take the words of Christ and obey them.**

- The wise man desires to do the totality of God's will (v. 21).
- The wise man follows the truth of the book of James in a life of true objective faith.

The difference between faith and intellectual assent is the intellectual assent simply says, 'Lord, Lord', but does not do His will" (Jones 560).

- His life is lived with humility, rooted completely in the life of Christ.
- The wise man doesn't resent pain, criticism, or chastening (Heb. 12).

What about the great fall? Most likely the reference here is the judgment day, as it would fit the context of judgment earlier in the chapter. The broad way leads to destruction; the corrupt tree is cast into the fire; Jesus will pronounce a profession that He never knew those who were fakers; the foolish man's house will crumble and fall.

IV. Being rooted in Christ involves establishing our lives in the faith (Col. 2:7).

Application Lessons

How can you dig deeper into Christ this year?

- 4) Being rooted in Christ is joyfully worshipping our Savior every day but most pronounced on Sunday with the saints.
- 5) Being rooted in Christ means saturating ourselves by listening to God's Word and daily speaking to our Heavenly Father through prayer.
- 6) Being rooted in Christ means soaking up the words of the Savior and applying them to our daily living situations.