

**A FIRM FOUNDATION
DEEPLY ROOTED – Part 1
Vernon Zook September 27, 2020**

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash. **Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)**

They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. **Jeremiah 17:8 (NLT)**

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. **Psalms 1:1-3 (NIV)**

But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. **Psalms 92:12 (NLT)**

Today's Good Root – A Foundation of Truth

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have— Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 3:11 (NLT)**

Where do we find truth?

1. Truth is - Things that are True.

Get the truth and don't ever sell it; also get wisdom, discipline, and discernment. **Proverbs 23:23 (NLT)**

For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. **Romans 10:2 (NIV)**

(Jesus) And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. **John 8:32 (NLT)**

2. Truth is - God's Word – the Bible!

With all these things in mind, dear brothers and sisters, stand firm and keep a strong grip on the teaching we passed on to you both in person and by letter. **2 Thessalonians 2:15 (NLT)**

(God) "I am the LORD, and I do not change..." **Malachi 3:6a (NLT)**

Your eternal word, O LORD, stands firm in heaven. **Psalms 119:89 (NLT)**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. **Matthew 24:35 (NIV)**

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **John 17:17 (NIV)**

Bible Reading Plan (October):

I & II Thessalonians, I & II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews

3. Truth is Jesus Christ Himself.

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." **John 14:6 (NLT)**

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it." **Matthew 16:16-18 (NLT)**

Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. **Ephesians 2:20 (NLT)**