

THE TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Isa 61:4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

1. Trees of righteousness
2. The Planting of the Lord
3. That He might be glorified

Jer 17:7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

Jer 17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

1. Trees planted by the waters
2. Spreadeth out her roots by the river
3. Shall not fade away when heat cometh
4. Her leaf shall be green
5. Shall yield fruit

PLANTED

1. When you buy a plant, there special instructions how to plant the plant. How deep, how wide to dig the hole and what kind of fertilizer it takes to overcome the shock of being planted. (Add some vitamin B1 fertilizer)

Mat 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

- a. **Planted together means:** “to become united with him”
- b. **When do we become united?** At the seed of conception
- c. **Being Born Again, by the Word of God.**

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

2. **What Form of Doctrine?** The Apostolic form of Doctrine (Acts 2:38).

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psa 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psa 1:4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

3. **Planted by Baptism:**

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

THE ROOT SYSTEM

1. **The Word of God likens Christians to a Palm Tree.**

Psa 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Psa 92:13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

a. **Each palm root is the same size as its stem and base;** therefore, it cannot be easily pulled up.

b. **Because palm trees send their roots deep into the ground,** they are able to tap resources of nourishment that are not available on the surface.

Isa 37:31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

2. **That ye being rooted** – firmly established – as a tree that their roots strike deep and extend afar.

3. **And grounded:** “founded” as a building is on a foundation. The word is taken from the architecture, where a firm foundation is laid, and the meaning is that he wished them to be as firm in the love of Christ, as a building is that rests on a solid base.

4. **Solid Foundation of Truth:**

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord:

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

5. **A Tumble Weed or a Tree:**

- a. Tumble weeds are blown around by every wind.
- b. Saints of God “Must take root downward, bare fruit upward”
- c. God gave the church the ministry so we would not be a tumble weed.

THE LEAVES

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his **leaf also shall not wither**; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

1. There is a lot you can tell about a tree, by just looking at its leaves
2. Man cannot see the root system, but they can examine the leaves on the tree.
3. The hidden condition of the roots can often be judged by the outward condition of the leaves.
4. If the tree is healthy, the leaves are green and bright.

Psa 149:4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5. **If something is wrong with the roots it shows up on the leaves.** (Spots, and unhealthy look, droopy, and without life.)
6. Some might say, that’s just the outward (true) but the outward reveals the inward.
7. **If the Joy of the Lord is in the inward parts of your soul**, it is going to outwardly manifested. Joy peace and goodness is manifested inwardly by the working of the Holy Ghost.)

Isa 12:3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

8. **The leaves of the tree are different than the fruit on the tree.** The fruit is the fruit of the Spirit. But the leaves must be healthy to produce good fruit. When the leaves are unhealthy the fruit is small and withered looking and small sour fruit.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

9. **Leaves are a sign that life is there:** (The Dove that was let out of Noah's Ark brought back a leaf in his mouth, speaking in other tongues are a sign of new life.)

10. **Jesus brought life to each believer in the Church:** In Him is Life.

11. Signs follow the believers: (Mark 16:16.)

12. **Leaves must stay on the tree:** Even during the blasts of the winters cold strong winds. While other churches are losing their leaves (brightness) due to the pressures of this end time and the winds of compromise. There is still a church that has not lost it leaves, and where the streams do not run dry.

Psa 46:4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.

Psa 46:5 *God is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

A glorious church - A church full of honor, splendor, beauty. The idea of "shining," or of being "bright," would convey the sense

here. Probably there is still here an allusion to a bride “adorned for her husband”

Not having spot - Not having a stain, a defect, or any impurity - still retaining the allusion to a bride, and to the care taken to remove every blemish.

Or wrinkle - In the vigor and beauty of youth like a bride in whom there is no wrinkle of age.

Or any such thing - Nothing to deform, disfigure, or offend. To this beautiful illustration of the final glory of the church, the apostle was led by the mention of the relation of the husband and the wife. It shows: