

A LIFE ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD

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Living a life rooted in God's Word means anchoring our thoughts, actions, and identity in unchanging biblical truth rather than shifting circumstances. As disciples of Christ, we are called to listen to the teachings of the apostles and allow God's Word to transform our lives. Moreover, we have to grow through the apostolic teachings and be devoted to the Word of God.

1. The Apostolic Teachings

1.1 The apostolic teachings refer to the core beliefs and doctrines established by the apostles of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament. These teachings encompass key principles such as the resurrection, the nature of man, and the foundational beliefs for Christians; these guided early communities and shaped modern Christianity.

1.2 Apostolic doctrine emphasizes the importance of spreading the message of Christ through generations.

2. Growing through apostolic teachings means:

2.1 Returning to the source, the true church.

Jesus first taught the apostles and handed down to the disciples. But before ascending to heaven, Jesus explicitly commanded His followers to proclaim the Gospel to the entire world (Mark 16:15-the Great Commission). Moreover, the Nicene Creed, first adopted at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., defines what we should believe as taught by Jesus through the apostles.

2.1 Building our faith on the foundational doctrines left by the early apostles.

It requires a daily, active commitment to deepening our scriptural knowledge, spending time in prayer, participating in regular fellowship, and applying Christ's message to be spiritually mature.

3. A life rooted in God's Word requires intentionality and spiritual disciplines:

1.1. Devotion to Fellowship. We must commit to a local community of believers to build, strengthen, and hold ourselves accountable in faith.

1.2. Consistent Prayer and Fasting. We should follow the example set by Jesus and the early apostles to host God's presence, listen to direction, and empower our spiritual life.

1.3. The Breaking of Bread. Let us regularly participate in communion to reflect on and honor the sacrifice of Christ.

4. The core methods for maturing through the teachings include studying the apostles' doctrine and immersing ourselves in the core foundations of the Christian faith, which include: repentance, faith, baptism, and the resurrection.

5. Spiritual growth begins when we become devoted listeners and learners of God's truth. The early church grew strong because they not only heard the apostles' teachings – they received it, practiced it, and lived it.

Conclusion:

When we anchor our identity, choices, and habits in Scripture, we shift from living a frantic, reactive life to one grounded in truth (Colossians 2:6-7).

Reflection:

1. How do you respond when God's Word challenges you to change?
2. How has God's Word change your decisions, character, and relationship with Him?

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