

Planted and Anchored in Jesus Christ

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Introduction

In this world with all its expectations and pressure, it is necessary for us as Christians to be planted and anchored in God.

Further on we will go into more detail about what the two ideas represent.

For a start, let us look at the basic meaning of these words in this context.

Planted

We find our home in Him, He is our refuge and the one we can come back to at the end of each day.

Anchored

We are linked to God by His Holy Spirit like a “rope” that anchors us to God. When the world tries to blind us and wound us, we can take hold of the Rope and find our way back Home.

And sometimes when we get lost God will take hold of the Rope and pull is in to heal and comfort us.

How does this affect me?

God gives us concepts, ideas and revelations to bring us more and more into the light. This helps us renew our minds daily and teaches us to resist the lies of the enemy. This booklet comes from a revelation received from God that I feel to share. This is not my own ideas but direct from Father God's heart and scripture. I believe it will have meaning for you as it did for me.

Planted

For in Him **we live** and move and have our being, as also certain of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring. (Acts 17:28)

In Him we live

There is no life for a Christian outside of God that makes sense. We sometimes try to do it on our own, just being saved and trying to do the rest ourselves, but that makes no sense.

To live like this, is like buying an expensive sports car, parking it in a garage, and leaving it there, maybe every now and again we just look into the garage door and then we close the door again, never touching nor driving the car.

Unfortunately this is the life many Christians choose, God is a "motor" that they visit on Sundays, quickly look at for half an hour.

They may even exalt Him a little bit, but to make themselves feel good about their "investment", but then the door is closed again, and they go on with their week as if the motor does not exist at all.

This type of life is lukewarm, sad and lonely. No more a part of the world, but desperately wants to be, the world might be rejecting you and you don't accept God's direction, it's a lose-lose situation, on the fence and decision-less.

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, and do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. (Revelation 3:15-17)

How we are supposed to live is planted in Him, our hearts planted in His heart. Then we have a safe place, a place where we can run to any time to be safe, to be healed, to be led, to be shaped.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. (John 15:4)

There are many places in the Bible referring to the concept of to be planted (rooted) in Him. This concept is described in different ways, but always comes back to the same feeling, protection, love, grace, guidance, joy, peace for those that are planted in Him.

In Him we hide

How precious is Your loving-kindness, O God! And the sons of men take refuge under the shadow of Your wing. (Psalms 36:7)

Life's storms can feel so rough, so overwhelming the pressure. We live in a society where work pressure can get unbearable, marriages suffer under stress and outside dangers, our kids are told in school that God is just a myth, our teenagers are told that to survive in this world you must act like this world... So much pressure, so many outside influences.

He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall trust. His truth shall be your shield, and buckler. You shall not fear the terror by night; nor because of the arrow that flies by day; nor for the plague that walks in darkness, of the destruction laying waste at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes you shall look and see the reward of the wicked. Because You, O Lord, are My refuge; if You have made the Most High Your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling. (Psalms 91:4-10)

We need a hiding place, need a safe place where we can wash off the world's garbage, and get restored. That place is under the "wings" of the Almighty.

God uses the idea of strong wings, for me eagles wings (for me the eagles wings is the most natural illustration, like in Deu 32:11) to show us how we hide with God.

When we make Him our covering and hiding place, He protects us, surrounds us, heals us, comforts us, feeds us, brings us safely through the maturing process.

Yes this world has its own heartaches and problems, but in Him we are more than conquerors, and we can grow and be healthy and strong.

I have said all these things to you so that IN Me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble: but take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

The peace we get from Jesus, is to be found only **in Him**.

Anchored

If you have ever seen an anchor hold a large ship fixed in a stormy ocean, you will understand this concept.

But there is a second part to it, we are anchored **in Him**.

In Him we move

For in Him **we** live and **move** and have our being, as also certain of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring. (Acts 17:28)

In the Old Testament, the priests (that only had the Holy Spirit over them not in them) had a rope around their ankle when they went into the Most Holy, so that if God killed them they could be pulled out by the rope.

In the New Testament, God makes it clear that a saved Christian's heart (inner man) has now become the Most Holy place where God makes a dwelling through His Holy Spirit.

This is the place we experience Him the most, where we commune with Him. But we are in Him, in His heart too, this is part of the wonder of the spiritual realm, we are in Him, just as He is in us, both for the reason of communion.

I experienced God saying, He now puts His Holy Spirit Rope around our ankle. When we go out into the world, to work, to build relationships, to relax ext. we can get so “lost”.

When this happens we can just follow the Rope directly back to Him. We can at any time “tap in” to the Holy Spirit and follow the Rope back to Daddy God’s heart, where He enfolds us, pulls us in, welcomes us, protects us.

This can happen in times of becoming quiet by shutting ourselves in a quiet place for a while, but can also just as well happen in a split second where we seek God while we are going about everyday life. Time makes no difference to God, true contact does. (2 Peter 3:8)

He draws us

But when the world wounds us, when we are hurt and feeling blinded, feeling too weak to reach out to Him on our own, He comes in His mercy and draws us back in with the Rope.

This He can do through a dream, through a feeling, through a song we hear, through a scripture, through a newspaper heading, however He can He pulls us back to the place under His wing, holding us tight, so tight, and in His love healing us even without us asking (Matthew 6:8)

And it will be, before they call I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. (Isaiah 65:24)

But it is good for me to come near to God: I have put my faith in the Lord God, so that I may make clear all His works. (Psalms 73:28)

God wants us near

And this is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. (John 6:39)

Draw near to God, and He **will** draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners; and purify your hearts, double-minded ones.
(James 4:8)

It is God’s heart to have us close to Him, to protect us, and to carry us till the end of the race, that we may all spend eternity with Him.

God loves you and wants you to grab hold of the Holy Spirit Rope and pull yourself into Him.

When you feel too weak to do so, cry out to Him and He will pull you in and closer Himself. It’s God’s biggest desire for us to love Him and search for Him out of our own free will.

God wants us to find Him

Then you shall call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you shall seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:12-13)

God is not playing hide and seek with us, as some people tend to think. He has already given us His Holy Spirit to guide us, to show us the way to always being linked to God.

However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak of Himself, but whatever He hears, He shall speak. And He will announce to you things to come. (John 16:13)

God is so determined to have us with Him, that even when we are too weak to pray, too weak to grab hold of the Rope and pull ourselves in, He will step in on our behalf and pray His perfect will and healing over us Himself, He pulls us in by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He searching the hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:26-28)

In Him we have our being

For in Him **we** live and move and **have our being**, as also certain of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring. (Acts 17:28)

When we live in Him (planted) and move in Him (anchored), we find our true purpose and worth and the best possible us we could ever be... in Him (have our being).

In Him we start to truly exist, find out who we truly are, what we are truly made for, why we are on this planet. In Him we find our talents and anointing and calling and uniqueness.

But only if we choose to **live in Him**, and **move in Him**, can we truly say and experience we **have our being in Him**. Selah.

For whoever desires to save his life shall lose it, and whoever desires to lose his life for My sake shall find it. (Matthew 16:25)

My dear friend, you might not know God at all, but yearn for this refuge I am speaking off. Or you might have drifted away from God and need to find your way back into this place of refuge.

I invite you to prayer the prayer that follows aloud, to become part of God's family or turn back to Him.

The Word of God is clear that WHOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved, you do not have to earn it my friend, Jesus has paid the price for us on Golgotha, you only have to accept it and His forgiveness by praying the prayer.

For everyone, "whoever shall call on the name of the Lord Jesus will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)

My friend you have nothing to lose, but by sincerely praying this prayer you truly have everything to gain. This world is temporary, choose the eternal life with Jesus over an eternal

life in darkness. We all will live forever, we must just each choose where we will spend eternity. You are the only one that can make that choice for you.

Salvation / Rededication prayer

Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and lost without You. Please save me, change me, cleanse me, forgive me, make me truly like You.

I choose to be a child of God, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and guide me in Your wisdom. I open up to You Holy Spirit, please come in, give me a new heart and guide me.

I choose to love God. I choose to love myself and forgive myself for all I have done wrong. I choose to forgive and release everyone that hurt me. I pray this in Jesus Christ Holy name. Thank you Daddy God that I am now saved and part of Your family. Amen.

Congratulations, you are saved!

For God your past is gone as if it never happened, God sees you as clean and spotless and sinless and perfect and holy... Just like Jesus... Remember you now live in Jesus from this day forward.

So that if anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

A prayer to seek God daily

If you have just prayed the above prayer, and do not know how to come to God when you seek Him going forward, you can – for a start – pray this prayer until Daddy God teaches you Himself how to seek Him.

God is the perfect Father, without sin, without hate, without weakness, without anything an earthly father would lack in. Remember that and search for Him as the perfect Daddy.

Pray like this for a start:

Daddy God I need You, I come to you through the Blood of Jesus, here I am. Holy Spirit please guide me to God, show me how to love and worship God. I open my heart to You Daddy God, please come in with Jesus and the Holy Spirit and show me Your love. I love You, in Jesus name. Amen.

Remember my friend, because we are saved by the price Jesus paid, we must pray all our prayers through His name as He is the way to the Father for us.

Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me. (John 14:6)

Get a bible and start reading it, starting with the New Testament. Find a good church where God is honoured, and the Holy Spirit is allowed to work. Become part of a Christian community, never isolate yourself my friend.

Get baptised. Enjoy Daddy God's love and the closeness of Jesus and the friendship of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus loves you my friend.