

## STAY ROOTED IN GOD

***But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. (Jeremiah 17:7,8)***

How many of you have trees in your yard? What kind are they? If you don't know now, maybe you will after today. The Lord has given us many different types of trees, but they are similar in that they have a root system. The roots are what go below the ground to find water in order to help the tree grow and stay strong.

Did you know that in God's eyes you are a tree? That's the picture the Lord uses for his believers. Since the Holy Spirit has brought us to faith in Jesus, we now have spiritual roots. We want to hear more about Jesus by hearing his Word preached and taught to us. We want to hear more about Jesus by reading his Word on our own.

Since we now have these deep spiritual roots in Jesus as our Lord, we do **not fear when heat comes**. With Jesus at our side we are able to bear the heat and the hassles which happen in life.

Since we now have these deep spiritual roots in Jesus as our Lord, we have **no worries in a year of drought**. When problems persist in our life, we cast all our cares on Jesus knowing that he loves us and will take care of us.

Since we now have these deep spiritual roots in Jesus as our Lord, we are **always green and never fail to bear fruit**. We continue to grow in our faith and show that by producing fruits of faith. With the Lord's continued help and power, we have his promise that we will continue to be his firm tree all the days of our life here on earth and forever in heaven.

### THE PRAYER:

Our dear Lord, thank you for saving us and making us your spiritual trees. Continue to strengthen our faith by speaking to us through your Holy Word, the Bible. Help us when we have problems in life. Strengthen us when we feel weak. Forgive us when we sin. Make us grow stronger in our faith. Produce fruits of faith in our lives so that all we do is for your glory. In the gracious name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.