

## Weeds

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I spent a few hours this past week weeding our raised garden beds. I noticed two distinctly different kinds of weeds — those with shallow roots that spread across the top of the soil, and those with deep roots. I cleaned out all of them, but wondered aloud which would be the first to return. *It's very hard to keep a good weed down!* As the year progresses, I will learn the lesson of which one is toughest. Some of you may already know, having experienced such yourself.

But my mind began to wander back to God's Word as I worked, and I couldn't help but recall Paul's words in Ephesians *"that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, **being rooted and grounded in love**, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"* (3:16-19).

So the **deeper** the roots of love in the heart, the better grounded one is through faith, and Christ dwells in your heart. **(Meditate on that!)**

One can become a *biblical scholar* by studying God's Word thoroughly throughout his life. Many have done exactly that and have taught in some of the finest universities in the world. But that is no guarantee of salvation! One must **know and love** God and His Word, so that it is properly applied to one's life. Those who do **not** receive the love of the truth (2 Thess. 2:10) may well delude themselves and be lost. Christianity is not an exercise in theory only but also in practice (Matt. 7:21; James 1:22).

So examine your own heart to see if you are *"rooted and grounded in love."* My guess is that if you are, you will not soon nor easily be moved. *"If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them"* (John 13:17).

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