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**Grounded**

Last week we began looking at Colossians 1:23, “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven...” We said that the word continue means to be steadfast and unmovable, abiding in place for an indefinite period of time. This week I would like to consider the word grounded. If we are to continue in the faith, we must be grounded. The Greek word translated grounded means to lay a basis for. It speaks of a foundation. Anything that is of lasting value must be built on a solid foundation.

Take a moment to read Matthew 7:24-27. This is a well-known children’s story and song. What was the difference between the two houses? What happened to the house that had a poor foundation? The house that stood in the midst of the storm had a solid foundation.

Paul also emphasizes this Ephesians 3:17-19 “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.” In this passage Paul links being grounded with knowledge. What keeps us steadfast during the storms of life? Being grounded in the knowledge of God and His Word. It is our knowledge of the promises, principles and precepts of God that provide a sure foundation during the storms of life, and this knowledge only comes through the study of God’s Word. If you want to be grounded in your Christian life, you must learn to be a faithful student of the Word of God.