



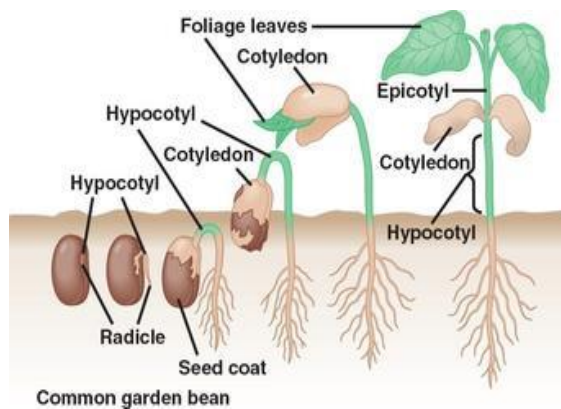
Roots

Colossians 2:6-7

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And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Roots are vital to the growth and development of life. We get the best analysis of this point in the root structure of plants and trees.



While the graphic is impressive and complete, the following processes that are important for the discussion in this study are vital to understand:

- The seed must die before growth can occur.
- The first sign of life is the root system.
- Once the root is able to establish proper nourishment then presentation of the plant is revealed.

When does our spiritual process begin? (Refer to the following verses.)

Ephesians 1:13 –

Romans 6:3-8 –

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” Our spiritual development is dependent upon the proper place for our root structure. **Colossians 2:6-7**: “as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him,” shares the mandate placed before believers – put your roots in Jesus.

In this study we will look at the truths of Jesus Christ. These truths are what we draw from in our spiritual development.

ROOTS

TRUTH #1 – Prayer

The value of prayer is varied among those consulted, but for the seasoned believer the teachings about prayer from Jesus Himself bear the essence of prayer.

What important matters does Jesus emphasize in prayer? (Refer to Matthew 6:9-13.)

- Our Father in Heaven:
- May Your name be kept holy:
- May Your kingdom come soon:
- May Your will be done on earth like in Heaven:
- Give us today our food we need:
- Forgive us our sins like we forgive others' sins:
- Don't let us yield to temptation (rescue us from the evil one):

The list above has a priority structure. Prayer is essential to our relationship with God.

What are the important elements of your relationship with the Lord? (Use the passages below to help you discover what the Bible says is important.)

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 –
- Romans 12:12 –
- Colossians 4:2 –
- Acts 2:42 –
- Philippians 4:6, 7 –
- James 5:15 –