

The Dangers of Being Uprooted from Christ.

John 15:4-6

Being uprooted from Christ leads to spiritual dryness, fruitlessness, and destruction, but abiding in Him guarantees life and eternal fruitfulness.

This study will examine the dangers of being uprooted from Christ. It is a call to remain rooted in Him, so that we can be fruitful, nourished, protected, and prepared for eternity.

I. Loss of Spiritual nourishment.

- A) Christ is the source of life. John 15:4
- B) Disconnection leads to dryness. Jeremiah 17:13
- C) Without nourishment, strength fails. Isaiah 40:29-31
- D) Uprootedness bring death. Romans 8:13

For example: The prodigal son lost his covering and nourishment when disconnection from his father's house, and only restoration saved him.

Luke 15:11-17

II. Fruitlessness in life and ministry.

- A) A branch cut off cannot bear fruit. John 15:5
 - 1) Productivity in life and ministry is tied to connection with Christ.
- B) Loses of spiritual relevance. Matthew 5:13
- C) Flourishing is for the planted. Psalm 92:13-14
- D) Uprootedness breeds barrenness. Hosea 9:16

For example: King Saul became spiritually barren after he was rejected by God for disobedience. I Samuel 15:23-28

III. Vulnerability to enemies and temptation.

- A) Protection is in Christ. Psalm 91:1
- B) Uprooted believers are easily swayed. Ephesians 4:14
- C) Sin regains dominion over the uprooted. Romans 6:16
- D) Loss of stability. Jude 1:12-13

For example, Demas forsook Paul because he loved the present world, exposing himself to danger. II Timothy 4:10

IV. Eternal rejection and destruction.

The greatest danger of being uprooted from Christ is eternal separation from God.

A) Uprooted branches are burned. John 15:6

B) God removes the unfaithful. Romans 11:21-22

C) Backsliding leads to destruction. Hebrews 10:38-39

D) No inheritance for the uprooted. Revelation 21:8

For example: Judas Iscariot was uprooted by betrayal and ended in eternal destruction. Matthew 27:3-5

To be uprooted from Christ is to lose life, nourishment, fruitfulness, protection, and eternal hope. The Scripture are clear that no one can thrive spiritually outside of Christ.

Tribulations, temptations, or worldly attractions must not UPROOT us. Let us abide in Christ, so that we may remain fruitful in life, stand strong against the enemy, and receive the eternal crown of glory.