

MAINTAINING STABILITY
Colossians 1:1-12
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Intro:

The goal of the Christian life is _____

The source of _____ is the _____

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”
- Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV)

BACKGROUND

The Christians at Colossae were _____ the _____ of the Gospel for _____ teachings

The letter makes no explicit claim about its purpose. But the warnings about not being “deceived by fine-sounding arguments” (2:4) and about those who would take others “captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy” (2:8), who are “judging” others (2:16) and “disqualifying” them (2:18), make clear that one of its purposes is to encourage the Colossians to resist some kind of erroneous teaching.
- Douglas Moo PNTC “Colossians”

The false teachings were likely a mix of _____, _____, and _____ ideas that claimed to either _____ or _____ the Gospel

Gospel Keys to Stability

_____ is found as we _____ in _____ growth (vv.1-4)

“We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.” - Colossians 1:28-29 (NASB95)

_____ is _____ filtered through _____ (v.5)

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95)

Each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. - 1 Corinthians 3:13 (NASB95)

Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life? - 1 Corinthians 6:3 (NASB95)

_____ rests in the _____ and all that _____ with it (vv.6-11)

_____ comes by _____ God has _____ us (v.12)

ἰκανὸν *hikanóō*; contracted *hikanóō*, fut. *hikanósō*, from *hikanós* (2425), able, sufficient. To make sufficient, render competent or worthy (2 Corinthians 3:6; Colossians 1:12)

Conclusion:

