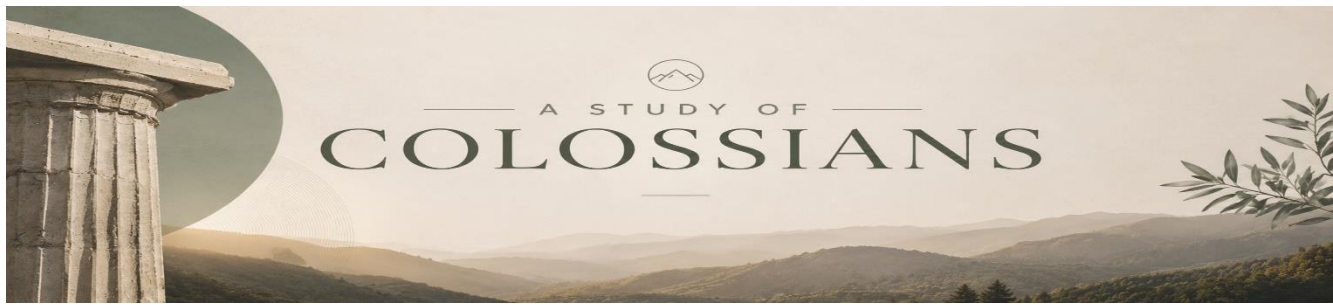




Colossians Series: The Journey to Maturity

Sunday, August 16, 2026 | Stephen Anderson

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WHERE WE START AND WHERE WE END

“So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.”

- Colossians 1:28

IF WE WANT A MATURE FAITH, WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE _____,
WHERE _____, AND _____ WE GET THERE.

“That’s why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.” -Colossians 1:29

1. FIRST, WE ALL START AS _____, WHICH MEANS WE ARE
_____ GOD.

-YET, WE END UP AS ONES WHO ARE _____, STANDING _____ IN
HIS PRESENCE.

-HOW? WE HAVE _____ (BROUGHT CLOSE) IN JESUS’ BODY OF FLESH
BY _____.

-THEREFORE, THE CALL TO MATURITY IS THE CALL TO CULTIVATE GOD’S PRESENCE IN
YOUR LIFE.

2. SECOND, WE ALL START WITH MINDS AND ACTIONS THAT ARE _____ AND _____.

-YET, WE END UP AS ONES WHO ARE _____ ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING, _____, AND _____ FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

-TO PURSUE MATURITY/TELOS MEANS THAT _____ AND _____ MATCH.

-HOW? WE BEHOLD THE PLAN AND MYSTERY OF THE AGES THAT _____.

-THEREFORE, THE CALL TO MATURITY IS THE CALL TO CULTIVATE THE _____ AND _____.

- SUFFERING ON BEHALF OF OTHERS GIVES YOU _____.
- WONDER AT GOD'S PLAN AND PRIVILEGE GIVES YOU _____.

Memory Verse:

"For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory."
-Colossians 1:27

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Colossians 1:27
- ☐ Commit to identifying ways to build God's Presence in your life
- ☐ Commit to identifying where you struggle in posture or in your spirit.
- ☐ Volunteer to impact students at Groves and Mercer schools.
__ Football Meal (September) __ Donate Backpacks (August)



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