

A hand holding a compass over a desert landscape with a winding road. The hand is wearing a green long-sleeved shirt. The compass is a standard analog compass with a white face and black markings. The background shows a desert landscape with a winding road and hills in the distance.

Making The Journey

Colossians 1:1-10




From Where You Have Come

- Paul reminds the Colossians of their starting point.
 - Their salvation experience was evidenced in changed attitudes and behavior.
 - Believer's baptism gives you that milestone marker of the day when you publicly stated that you were a Christian
 - It was important for the Colossians to know from where they had come.
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You Need to Know Where You Are

- The Colossians did not realize how far they had drifted from where they should have been to where they were now.
 - The “Colossian Heresy” diminished the pre-eminence of Christ and the sufficiency of His sacrifice on the cross to forgive sins.
 - The Colossians did not realize how far they had drifted off course.
 - There are errors and heresies that can creep into our Christian lives if we are not careful.
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We Need a Plan to Get to Where We Ought to Be

- There are times when we need to do a spiritual reset.
 - We need to become mature in our understanding.
 - Throughout the New Testament, the Christian experience is quantified as a journey.
 - Sometimes Christians get stuck at the beginning, reliving their spiritual birth, over and over again.
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Conclusion

- Paul was not questioning the salvation experience of the early believers; he was telling them they needed to grow up.
 - God's will is for believers to become more and more like Christ.
 - Half a believer's spiritual growth is learning what he does not know; the other half is unlearning what he does know.
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