

A photograph of a person's hand holding a circular compass. The compass has a white face with black markings for degrees (0 to 360) and cardinal directions (N, S, E, W, NE, SE, SW, NW). The needle is pointing towards the North. The hand is wearing a teal long-sleeved shirt. In the background, a paved road curves through a dry, hilly landscape under a clear blue sky.

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.



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.



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.



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.
