

**Keeping First Things First**  
**Week Nine: Grounds for Growth**

Sunday, June 18, 2023

**Series Verse**

*"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."*

Colossians 2:8 (NIV)

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose.**

*"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."*

Colossians 1:28 (NIV)

**A. M \_\_\_\_\_.**

**\* Proclaim:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**\* Admonish:** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, <sup>20</sup> you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins."*

James 5:19-20 (NLT)

**\* Teach:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. M \_\_\_\_\_: Perfect in Christ.**

*"Dear brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your understanding of these things. Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind."*

1 Corinthians 14:20 (NLT)

*"To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. <sup>1</sup> I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally."*

Colossians 1:29-2:1 (NIV)

*"We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. <sup>12</sup> In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! <sup>13</sup> Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. <sup>1</sup> Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, <sup>2</sup> instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment."*

Hebrews 5:11-6:2 (NIV)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose.**

*"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."*

Colossians 2:2-3 (NIV)

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose.**

*"I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments for though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is."*

Colossians 2:4-5 (NIV)

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ purpose.**

*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."*

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

**Maturity Matters:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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