

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

SERMON OUTLINE

April 22nd, 2018

Colossians 1:23

- **RECAP: The nature of man, a total transformation. Holy, blameless, without reproach.**

- **“If you continue”**
 - There are two little Greek particles in this opening line that indicate a very strong emphatic conditional statement. The idea is that Paul wants you to know there still remains this condition for your eventual holiness.
 - **1st Cor. 13:5-6**

- **“having been established”**
 - This particular Greek word is used only 5 times in the GNT, and it is always used with the idea of “laying a foundation of,” or “being set on a solid foundation.”
 - **Matthew 7:24-27**
 - **1st John 2:18-19**

- **POINT:** Those who are in Christ must be aware: There will be times when your foundation will be tested, shaken, or pushed. At that moment, you are called to stand firm on the Gospel, that which you know is true.

- **“and steady”**
 - This idea continues the concept that we stand on a firm foundation, and also that we continue on in a “steady” and “steadfast” course.

- **“Not being moved away from the hope of the Gospel,”**
 - The Gospel brings about these hopes we have. If we leave the Gospel, these hopes are nothing.

- **“Which you heard was being preached to all creation under heaven”**
 - This was an amazing truth for the Colossian church, and for the early church to realize. The Gospel is still in the process of being preached to all creation under heaven, and we are witnesses to (and participants in!) a global work being done across the earth.

- **“of which I, Paul, was made a minister.”**
 - After this final statement, he comes to a hard paragraph stop, and enters a new subject entirely. Paul wrote lengthy introductions, but notice the full-circle he comes to here.

- **CONCLUSION:**
 - **1) Let us remember that there will come times that will test our faith. Have a reasonable faith, grounded in truth, and also be prepared to stand your ground!**
 - **2) Let us keep to our hope in the Gospel! Let us also pray to the Holy Spirit and God to keep us in that place!**