

# Firmly Established and Steadfast

The need for Prayer, Christ, Sacrifice, Revelation, and Application in the life of the church  
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## I. Pauline Authorship (Colossians 1:1, 4:18)

## II. Paul's Audience (Colossians 1:2, 4:16)

## III. Paul's Aim (Colossians 1:23)

## IV. Paul's Answer (Colossians 1-4)

### a. Theme 1 (1:3-1:12)

### b. Theme 2 (1:13-1:23)

### c. Theme 3 (1:24-2:3)

### d. Theme 4 (2:4-3:4)

### e. Theme 5 (3:5-4:6)

## V. Present Application

### a. Prayer (Rom. 15:30, Acts 2:42, Eph. 6:18)

### b. Christ (Mark 6:15, Rom. 1:16-17, 1 Cor. 15:1-2, Rom. 3:23 & 6:23)

### c. Sacrifice (Phil. 2:3-8)

### d. Revelation (2 Tim. 3:16)

### e. Application (2 Tim. 3:17, James 2:18-20, Eph. 2:10)

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

### Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. In the sermon we discussed some background on the letter to the Colossians. Take a few minutes and answer the following questions as review: Who was the author (and give a quick summary of the author's life)? Who was the audience? What was going on in the church at Colossae that prompted the letter? How did the author respond to the issues in the church at Colossae (recall the 5 themes that were discussed)?
2. Like the church at Colossae, we discussed how our church is also seeking to be and remain faithful. Talk about the ways in which you've experienced the faithfulness of its members.
3. Just as we are similar to the Colossian church in that we are seeking to be and remain faithful, we are also similar in that we are constantly contending with unbiblical ideas putting pressure on us and trying to get us to veer from the path of faithfulness. Talk about how you experience this reality in your own life. Share how you've responded to this pressure.
4. What are the 5 characteristics that ought to mark our church as discussed in the sermon? As a member of the body of the church in Los Angeles, how are you personally doing at being marked by these characteristics? (e.g. praying for the saints of DRC, reminding one another of what God has done in Christ and sharing the gospel with the lost, sacrificially serving the church both with your time and treasure, studying the scriptures, applying the truth of the scriptures and the gospel in your life by living out your faith).