

COMPLETE IN CHRIST



Fear of falling

- Displaces Christ
- De-moralizes us
- Destabilizes us

Biblical answer?

COLOSSIANS 1:21-23

GOSPEL MOTIVES FOR GOSPEL PERSEVERANCE

WHEN I FEAR MY FAITH WILL FAIL
 CHRIST WILL HOLD ME FAST
 WHEN THE TEMPTER WOULD PREVAIL
 HE WILL HOLD ME FAST
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Persevere in faith and hope because Christ has made peace for you and will make you perfect.



Christ has made peace for you

- You were alienated from God
- You were hostile to God
- You were reconciled to God

GOSPEL OPPOSITION
 TURNS OUR FOCUS TO PEOPLE,
 BUT GOSPEL PEACE
 TURNS OUR FOCUS TO CHRIST.

That's past. What's ahead?



Christ will make you perfect

- Christ will present you
- Christ will perfect you

PRESENT GOSPEL OPPOSITION
 CAN DEMORALIZE US,
 BUT FUTURE GOSPEL PERFECTION
 MOTIVATES US.

That's future. Now?



Christ calls you to persevere

- Persevere in faith
- Persevere in stability
- Persevere in grit

OUR FEAR OF FALLING
 DE-STABILIZES US,
 BUT CHRIST'S CALL TO PERSEVERE
 SECURES US.

Action?