**COLOSSIANS #71 (4-8-14)** [Penance is a slap in God’s face] COL. 1, pg. 72

***Colossians 1:28b We proclaim Him*** [KJV, “we preach”]**, *admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.***

***Teaching***; DIDASKO, part. pa; to provide instruction in a formal or informal setting, teaching to a group.

In Colossians we find διδάσκειν mentioned with νουθετε in ***Col.1:28*** & ***3:16*** in a pastoral and ethical sense as a function of Christians in their mutual dealings. *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1964–), 147.*

***2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.***

***1 Timothy 2:11-12 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. 12) But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.***

***Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as*** [article] ***pastors and teachers* . . .**

***Ephesians 4:11*** In the Greek: ***Κα αuτoς δωκεν τος μν ποστόλους, τος δ προφήτας, τος δε εuαγγελιστάς, τος δε*** [article] ***ποιμένας κα διδασκάλους* . . .**

**THE GRANVILLE SHARP RULE:**

When two nouns of the same case are connected by KAI and there is a single article before the first noun but not the second noun, it denotes conceptual unity or that they go together as in the example above: ***“as pastors and teachers”***. However, if the article before the first noun is used again before the second noun, it denotes is saying that the two nouns are entirely separate or different things.

**Pastor-teacher =**  POIMEN– shepherd/**pastor-**)

 DIDASKOLOS (**teacher**)

These are not two separate spiritual gifts, one given to some men and the other to other men. It is one spiritual gift given to certain men individually who have been given the authority and responsibility to shepherd and teach the congregation God has allotted to his charge.

Preaching the truth exposes error. Spiritual growth comes from the systematic presentation of the truth of God's Word from a prepared P-T.

***Every man* . . .** We have this again for the second time in this verse. Pastors are to teach anyone who comes to listen. I never know who will be here when I teach, and it doesn’t matter because I am called to teach “every man”.

***With all wisdom,*** SOPHIA n. dsf; the capacity to understand and function accordingly; wisdom.

Intelligence can be inherited, wisdom must be learned.

Wisdom is the ability to apply divine truth to a situation.

***Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.***

***Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.***

***Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.***

 COL. 1, pg. 73 ***Proverbs 2:10-11 For wisdom will enter your heart and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; 11) Discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you,***

***Proverbs 3:13-15 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding. 14) For her profit is better than the profit of silver and her gain better than fine gold. 15) She is more precious than jewels; and nothing you desire compares with her.***

***Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.***

***Proverbs 14:7 Leave the presence of a fool, or you will not discern words of knowledge.***

***Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor comes humility.***

***Proverbs 24:14 Know that wisdom is thus for your soul; if you find it, then there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.***

***Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.***

**COLOSSIANS #72 (4-10-14)**

***Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him*** KJV,*“we preach”*]***, admonishing every manand teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.***

Pastors are to preach, admonish, and teach using wisdom and every believer should use wisdom as well when they express Bible doctrine to others.

* + - 1. Don’t dominate the conversation, ask questions to keep people engaged and cause them to think.
			2. We must try not to polarize people or make them uncomfortable or angry.
			3. Don’t tell someone he is wrong, ask him how he arrived at his conclusion. ex. Where did you get that idea? or What makes you think that …?
			4. If someone dogmatically makes a claim that is not true, we have the freedom to tell them that their statement is not biblically correct.
			5. Wisdom includes using discernment in correctly reading one’s body language, tone, and attitude to determine if they are negative or positive towards truth.

***So that,*** HINA ****conj.; marker to denote purpose, aim, or goal, in order that, that, final sense. We call this a purpose clause, stating a purpose.

***We*** [pastor-teachers]  ***may present*** [PARISTEMI] ***every man . . .***

***May present,*** PARISTEMI v. aas; to make or show, to bring,cause one to appear before someone

This is the same word used in ***Colossians 1:22*** ... ***in order to present you before Him holy and blameless.***

There is a purpose for proclaiming Christ, warning, and teaching **every man.** Every man (person) has the potential to be born again, and every person who is born again has the potential to be presented complete in Christ.

**COLOSSIANS #73 (4-15-14)**

***Complete in Christ,*** TELEIOS s), adj. asm; to be mature, full-grown, mature, adult. TETELESTAI is the per. pas. ind. of the verb TELEO ) ***John 19:30.***

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What is spiritual maturity and how can you tell if you are a spiritual baby, a spiritual adolescent, a spiritual adult, or a spiritually mature person?

*“Spiritual maturity is the ability to independently apply truth to experience. A spiritually mature believer can discern whether something is from the Lord or from the flesh. He can detect the working of the flesh and judges it immediately. He refuses to allow it to get a grip on him. An immature Christian will not recognize the flesh when it presents itself. He is not aware of the spiritual equipment God provides to combat the flesh. As he grows in grace he will be able to identify the dangers that lurk in his life and know the principles which will deal with them. If he does not know the dangers he is in serious trouble. If he does not know God's principles for dealing with them he is in trouble.” GraceNotes*

No one can grow spiritually apart from the intake of B.D. Spiritual maturity requires both the consistent intake of doctrine and the consistent application of doctrine.

***James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect***  [TELEIOS, adj. nsm] ***man, able to bridle the whole body as well.***

One way to measure your spiritual growth is by how well you control your tongue. Sins of the tongue include:

 Gossiping Maligning Criticizing Lying Name-Calling

 Ridiculing Flattery Blasphemy Perjury Excuse-Making

Boasting Sarcasm Cursing Interrupting

Whining Complaining Blaming Bickering

Every believer is already complete positionally in Christ as of the moment they were baptized with the H.S., the same instant they put their faith alone in Christ alone. The goal is to become experientially complete in Christ.

***Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed*** [MORPHOO, v. aps] ***in you...***

**COLOSSIANS #74 (4-17-14)**

Read: ***Eph. 4:11-18***

***Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed*** [METAMORPHOO, v. ppm] ***by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect*** (teleios adj. nsn)***.***

***1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify*** (v. aao]) ***you \*entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved*** (****** v. apo]) **\*\**complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

***\*Entirely,*** HOLOTELES ****sadj. apm; being HOLOS, wholly, totally and utterly, through and through + TELES, complete, with implication of meeting a high standard = in every way complete, quite perfect.

***\*\*Complete***, HOLOCLEROS ****s) adj. nsn; denotes completeness in extent or compass, and is thus a term of quantity rather than quality, being complete and meeting all expectations, with integrity, whole, complete, undamaged, intact, blameless

***1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be*** [GINOMAI v. pmm] ***mature*** [TELEIOS adj. npm]***.***

**COLOSSIANS #75 (4-22-14)**

***Philippians 3:13-15 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting*** [part. pm] ***what lies behind and reaching***  [part. pm] ***forward to what lies ahead,***

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***14) I press on*** [v. pai] ***toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15) Let us therefore, as many as are perfect*** [TELEIOS, adj. npm]***, have this attitude;***

***Hebrews 5:14 But solid food is for the mature*** [TELEIOS, adj. gpm]***, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.***

***James 1:4 And let endurance have its perfect*** [TELEIOS, adj. asn] ***result, so that you may be perfect*** [TELEIOS adj. npm] ***and complete, lacking in nothing.***

***Colossians 1:29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.***

***For this purpose...*** The purpose is found in the previous verse which is to bring all believers to the point of spiritual maturity = **“complete in Chris**t”.

***Labor,*** KOPIO v. pai; to exert oneself physically, mentally, or spiritually; work hard, toil, strive, or struggle.

***1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored*** [KOPIO, v. aai] ***even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.***

***1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor***  [KOPIAO, part. pa] ***among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13) and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work.***

***1 Timothy 5:17-18 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard***(kopiao part. pa) ***at preaching and teaching. 18) For the Scripture says, "you shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."***

***Colossians 1:29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.***

***Striving,*** AGONIZOMAI part. pm; to strive to do something with great intensity and effort; “to make every effort; to do everything possible; to strain oneself.”

*Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*

***1 Corinthians 9:25 Everyone who competes*** [part. pm] ***in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.***

An athletic contest, literally and figuratively, engage in a contest. Our English word “*agony*” or “*agonized*” comes from the Greek word “AGONIZOMAI*”.*

Paul's labors involved ***"striving"*** or struggling, ***Col. 2:1****;* ***4:12.*** This word means to agonize like an athlete in the heat of competition, ***I Cor 9:25****;* ***I Tim. 6:12***. *“He viewed ministry like an athletic contest that required great exertion. He strove like a marathon runner who sprints to the finish line with great agony. It means to compete with every ounce of energy we possess.”* *From Grace Notes*

***Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed*** [v. aps] ***in you...***

ODINO, v. pai; to experience pains associated with giving birth; have birth-pains.

***1 Timothy 6:12 Fight*** [v. pmm] ***the good fight of faith; take hold*** [v. amm] ***of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.***

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**Luke 13:22-30 *And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. 23) And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, 24) "Strive*** [v. pmm] ***to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25) "Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' 26) "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; 27) and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where youare from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.' 28) "In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. 29) "And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. 30) "And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."***

**Verse 23** Our question about the question posed to our Lord in this verse is, “Saved from what?” Was this man asking Jesus if there were only a few who would be saved from eternal judgment in the lake of fire?

Luke chapter 13 starts with the warning to the nation that unless they repent, they will perish by God’s Divine discipline or temporal judgment just as the Galileans did, ***Luke 13:3 & 5***. So it was natural for them to ask, ***“Lord, are there just a few being saved/delivered from this national catastrophe?”***

**Verse 24** Jesus did not answer them directly but exhorted them to focus on their own lives and strive to enter the narrow gate of discipleship, making disciples of others so that they could obtain a rich entrance into the celebratory, messianic banquet thrown for those who will receive unbelieveable inheritance rewards.

**COLOSSIANS #76 (4-24-14)**

Does ***“enter through the narrow door*”** remind you of another verse?

***Matthew 7:13-14 Enter through; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14) "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.***

Many will wish they could enter **“*the narrow gate”***. What is it? Many would say it refers to entering into heaven, but the context will not allow such a meaning. It does not refer to entering heaven or the kingdom but is talking about believers entering the marriage feast and reclining at the table with other winner believers while loser believers go the ***broad way*** and miss out on the richest life heaven has to offer. ***Luke 13:29***.

**Verse 25** ***'I do not know where you are from.'***

In an Oriental culture, this is virtually the same as saying, “I have no relationship with you.”

**Verses 26-27** The things listed do not qualify one to be called an overcomer or to receive beyond dreams rewards and privileges in the kingdom. ***“Evil doers”*** refers to chronically carnal believers who live their lives in consistent disobedience. Such Christians have no interest in growing spiritually or in having a close relationship with the Lord. Time after time, they make bad decisions by putting the things of this world ahead of learning B.D. and executing God’s plan.

**Verse 28** ***In that place...***

What place? It is the place **outside** the banquet where believers will be weeping and gnashing their

teeth because they are not permitted inside to partake of the phenomenal feast and fellowship.

They wasted their time on earth consuming themselves with worldly matters. COL. 1, pg. 77

**“*but yourselves being thrown out...”***

Thrown out of what? Heaven? The kingdom? No! Thrown out, expelled, or led out from the group who would attend the marriage feast.

**Verse 29** There will be believers from all over the world who will recline at the table with the Lord and many super saints.

**Verse 30** Those who are spiritual big shots on earth will not necessarily be big shots in heaven. There are spiritually mature saints on earth that are not even noticed, but they will be VIPs in heaven.

**COLOSSIANS #77 (4-29-14)**

It is imperative that we get out of spiritual kindergarten and grow up so that we can reach the masses who have bought into Satan’s lies and deception.

***Ephesians 4:13-14 ... until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14) As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;***

***Hebrews 5:11-14 …you have become dull of hearing. 12) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, ~~and~~ you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13) For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. 14) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.***

***Colossians 1:29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.***

There is no way we can achieve anything in the spiritual realm using our own puny power.

***His power***, ENERGEIA action, operation or working; in the NT, used only of superhuman power, whether of God or of the Devil.

***Philippians 2:13-14 ... for it is God who is at work*** [part. pa] ***in you, both to will and to work*** [v. pai] ***for His good pleasure. 14) Do*** [v. pam] ***all things without grumbling or disputing;***

***2 Peter 1:2-3 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3) seeing that His divine power has granted to us the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.***

***Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,***

The more we labor for the Lord the greater measure of help God gives us. We can expect it from Him.