

Standing Firm Discussion Guide
The Glorious Mystery - Lesson 4
(September 29, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Share your favorite mystery show, movie, or book.

Dive Deeper: Read Colossians 2:1-23.

1. Read Colossians 2:1-4, and discuss why Paul was concerned for the churches of Colossae and Laodicea, as well as other believers he hadn't met.
2. According to Colossians 2:2, Ephesians 1:9-10, 2:14-17, and 3:6-12 what is God's mysterious plan? Why was this plan important for the Colossians to know? Through whom did God reveal this plan?
3. Why does Paul emphasize in Colossians 2:3-4 where the treasure of wisdom and knowledge can be found? Why are believers lured by teachings that do not align with scripture and undermine Christianity? Discuss what these unbiblical teachings and philosophies might be. How do churches fall into this trap?
4. Read Colossians 2:6-7. What is the key to standing strong? Discuss ways you can grow deeper roots in your faith and develop a stronger knowledge of Jesus.
5. According to Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 3:16, Acts 1:8, and Galatians 5:22-23, what are the signs of a believer who has developed deep roots in Jesus? In what area of your faith walk would you like to grow deeper roots?
6. Read Colossians 2:20-23. Why are we set free from worldly unbiblical rules? How does Colossians 2:9-10 also offer you freedom from filling your life with empty rules and ideas to obtain a right standing in Christ?

Encouragement: Rules will never change a heart. Only the Holy Spirit can.

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?