

Colossians Series

Lesson #67

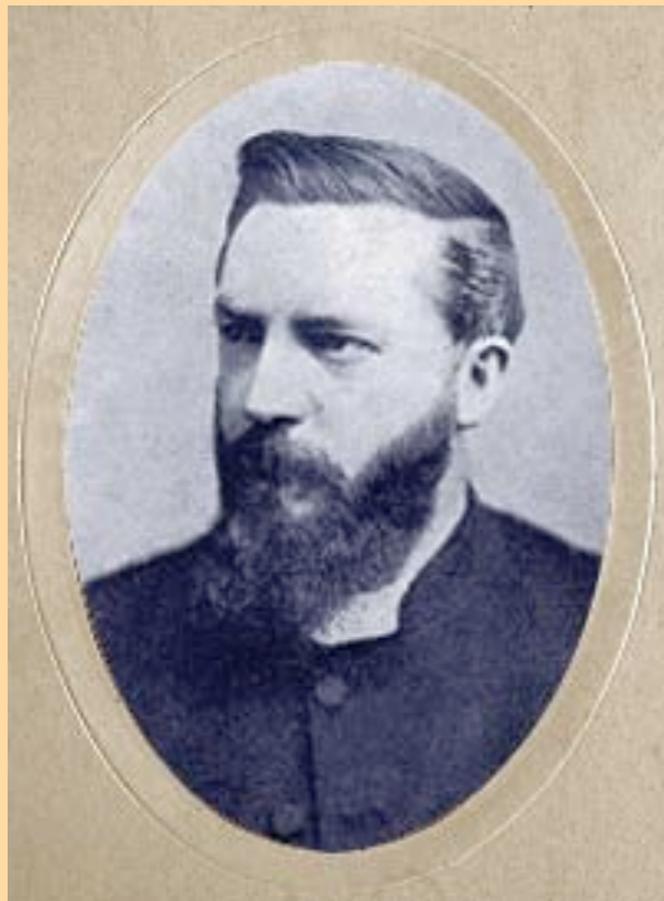
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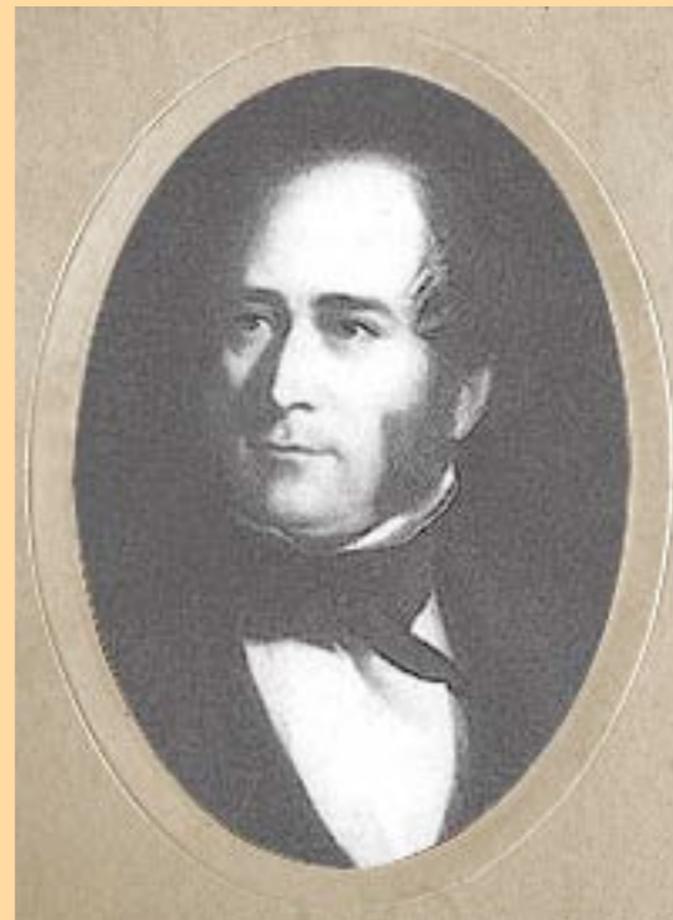
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“The Church’s One Foundation”



**Samuel John Stone –
Lyrics
1839–1900**



**Samuel Sebastian Wesley –
Composer
1810–1876**

A landscape photograph showing a field of dry, brown grass in the foreground. In the middle ground, there are several rows of young, bare trees planted in a field. In the background, there are rolling hills and a range of mountains under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

Standards for Music

Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:18–20

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ἐνοικέω *enoikeō*

pres act impera 3 sing

to dwell in, live in, make a habitation in, to take up residence, to make at home

Paraphrase of Col. 3:16

You [insert your name] *must* let the Word of Christ make itself at home abundantly and generously in every aspect of your thinking and life with the result that you teach and admonish each other through singing song, hymns, and spiritual songs in all wisdom, singing with grace in your hearts toward God.

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ἐν πάσῃ σοφίᾳ
en pase sophia

διδάσκω *didaskō*
pres act part masc plur
nom
expresses result

to teach, instruct, aims at
the mind rather than the
will or emotions

νουθετέω *noutheteō*
pres act part masc plur
nom

to warn, admonish,
correct, encourage, urge,
Instruction aimed at
challenging the will

Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Eph. 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Popular Fallacies Related to the Worship Wars

- 1. It is not about the beat.**
- 2. It is not about syncopation.**
- 3. It is not about how fast.**
- 4. It is not about when it was written.**
- 5. It is not about the theological associations of the writer.**
- 6. It is not about how it makes me feel.**

Popular Fallacies Related to the Worship Wars

- 7. It IS about the worldview of the music.**
- 8. It IS about the content of the lyrics.**
- 9. It IS about the beauty and aesthetics of the song.**
- 10. It IS about the correct form for expressing the content.**
- 11. It IS about glorifying God through utilizing our very best creativity to produce art that reflects our Creator.**

Words expressing aesthetic excellence:

Glorious

Magnificent

Majestic

Splendid

Beautiful

Excellent

Biblical Terms to express the Beauty and Glory of God

טוֹב (*tôb*) Good, pleasant, beautiful, delightful, glad, joyful, precious, correct, righteous. Gen. 6:2, 24:16

יָפָה (*yāpâ*) be fair, beautiful, handsome. Gen. 12:11, 12:14

צְבִי (*ṣ^ebî*) beauty, splendor, magnificent, Ezek. 20:6

הִדָּר (*hādar*) honor, adorn, glorify. 2 Chron. 20:21

- 1. The Bible uses a number of terms to express the beauty and excellence of God. These terms establish God as the standard of beauty.**

Thus,

God possesses *intrinsic* beauty which is the standard of all excellence, splendor, magnificence, beauty, and glory.

Intrinsic beauty

**Beauty that is inherent *in* something,
independent of a response produced.**

**A response produced relates to the subjective
aspect, that may be tainted by corruption in a
fallen world and a fallen culture.**

“We call the object beautiful because it has certain properties that make it admirable. It has those properties whether or not its having them results in its being enjoyable by you or me.”

~Mortimer J. Adler