
[What Stands After A Major Disaster?](#)

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Colossae was a major Roman trading center built on the Lycus River. Historical accounts suggest this was a major trading center, and crossroads. Colossae was a major, important city. The surrounding area was very fertile farming land.



Above: Excavated ruins

The Church was likely planted, and nurtured by Epaphras, a close associate of Paul's.

Paul wrote the Epistle to the Colossians in an effort to strengthen the church, explain the steps to salvation and maintain sound doctrine. In 61 A.D., a major earthquake struck the city, devastating most buildings and killing many. The town was rebuilt on a very smaller scale, and today has disappeared. While Colossae today is fertile ground for archeologists, only a mound of rubble still marks the spot.



Above: Colossae rubble still evident today

When disaster strikes, building may, or may not be rebuilt. Colossae provides a model of

what does last, God's Word. Paul's epistle has stood for two thousand years, and will stand forever. Today, even though the city is gone we read how to avoid following false Gods and learn of the salvation of Christ.

Any of us may disappear after a disaster. What will remain? Only the things of God will outlast any disaster.

CEN application:

1. What does CEN that will stand in the face of any disaster?
2. What is each CEN colleague doing today that will stand in the face of any disaster?
3. What future steps should we, as CEN take given only God's word, and work stands forever?