

Several theories for interpreting Colossians 1:23

1. Calvinistic **perseverance of the saints** = you must keep on believing to be saved....and the regenerate always do.
2. **Arminian** = it is up to you to keep believing and if you don't you go to hell.
3. **Mixed crowd** in Colossae = this verse is a warning to professing Christians who have not really believed or been born again.
4. **Rewards at the Judgment Seat** view = all believers are justified: declared righteous. Life after regeneration is about becoming holy in experience (sanctification). There are degrees of success in growing to maturity. Believers may or may not win the race, and may be defrauded of their prize, which consists of rewards at the judgment seat of Christ.
5. **the future result** , ie **SO THAT** fruit , growth to maturity, holiness realized, may result view = God has a purpose or a design behind our being reconciled and joined to Christ whereby He is looking for fruit in our lives after we are born again. It is that which is in danger of not being produced if the believers are moved away from the hope of the gospel into a life of religion and legalism. This is in some respects similar to #4, except that the issue is the fruit itself, rather than the reward that comes from the fruit being produced.