

1 John Lesson 35 Outline

“God Hates This Love” 1 John 2:15-17

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The apostle Paul set a model for ministry for all of us to follow. And that is a model to do your ministry in a partnership.

This is the last _____ that Paul ever wrote.

Paul should have gone out with a hero's ending.

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Yet at his last hour, the story is, humanly speaking, tragic. It is heartbreaking.

Paul's choice to succeed him was Timothy, but Timothy was seriously struggling.

A combination of missionary work and defection has scattered his beloved friends. Many were deserting Paul.

_____ had been a coworker with Paul for many years, a close friend. And he was associated with the very best.

“Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica.” [2 Tim. 4:10]

Forsaken me, deserted me. Strong word, the verb in the Greek means to completely forsake, to utterly abandon.

The idea is to leave someone in serious need.

How could he do this, - “Having loved this present world.”

Demas was rocky ground, that the seed went in, a plant popped up for a little while, but when the cost was persecution and suffering and tribulation, it withered and died. He was also weedy soil, where the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choked out the seed.

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Paul was about to be martyred for the faith, and Demas _____ it, the handwriting was on the wall.

There is an inherent, systemic, mutual exclusivity between the world and the kingdom of God.

Israel's spiritual defection was a kind of _____.

Scriptures cited: 2 Tim. 4:10-12, 19, 6, 7, 8, 1:6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 4:16, 10, 11-12, 13; Col. 4:12-14; Phlm. 1:23-24; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 John 2:15; 2 Cor. 10:5; James 4:4, 1:1; 2 Chron. 21:11; Jer. 2:20, 3:6-9

