

The End of the Road

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: II Timothy 4:9-22.

B. Paul expects Timothy to leave Ephesus and join him in Rome.

II. The reason Paul requests Timothy is because Demas has forsaken him.

A. It is difficult to see a fellow believer fall back into the ways of the world.

B. Some suggest that Demas returned to the faith but there is little evidence.

C. This was a great heartbreak for Paul, and he says this with an extreme sense of loss.

III. Luke and Titus are mentioned who doubtlessly helped Paul with his thorn in the flesh.

IV. Paul requests Mark because he is helpful serving, showing he has forgiven him.

V. Paul asks Timothy for more garments and above all the Scriptures for instruction.

VI. Paul warns against Alexander the coppersmith who had done him wrong, but he reminds Timothy that vengeance is the Lords. (Romans 12)

VII. The Lord stood by Paul to protect him from execution.

A. The Lord does not forsake. (Hebrews 13)

B. The presence of Jesus gave him courage to testify.

C. The Lord delivered Paul from beheading.

VIII. The foundation of life is the union of our spirit with the Lords to make us a new creation in Christ based on grace.

Application questions:

1. When has a brother comforted you in a time of trial? What did it mean to you?

2. Who in your life has exhibited the attitude of Paul towards Alexander the coppersmith towards others who have injured them? What sustained them when they were wronged?

3. What areas of your life could you use protection? Spend some time sharing and praying with a fellow believer other these areas believing that the Lord will not forsake you.
