

STANDING AGAINST APOSTASY

(2 Timothy 3:10-13)

I. THE COMING APOSTASY THAT IS ALREADY HERE (3:1-9)

II. TIMOTHY WAS TO CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN WHAT HAD BEEN LEARNED (3:10-17)

A. Timothy had been SUPPORTIVE of Paul's MINISTRY (3:10-11)

1. Timothy's past _____ and _____ stood in stark contrast to that of the false teachers just described, he was dependable and faithful. (3:10a)
 - a. *my doctrine*
 - b. *my manner of life*
 - c. *my purpose*
 - d. *my faith*
 - e. *my longsuffering*
 - f. *my love*
 - g. *my perseverance*
 - h. *my persecutions* (v. 11)
 - i. *my afflictions*
2. We can hear Paul, "*Timothy you have been an eye witness to...*" (3:10b)

3. Timothy could not deny the evidence; the fact that the Lord had _____ Paul out of _____ of his persecutions would have undoubtedly encouraged the young pastor. (2 Tim. 3:11b; Acts 13:38-14:20)

4. We must be reminded that the Lord always rescues his children, often times _____ death, but other times _____ death. (Ps. 34:19; Rom. 8:33-39)

B. The UNCOMFORTABLE principles regarding the relationship between Christianity and the world (3:12-13)

1. Christians who set the course of their life in direct _____ to the course of this world system must expect confrontation and _____ as inevitable. (John 15:18-21; Acts 14:21-22; 1 Thess. 3:1-4)

* How does v. 12 fly in the face of the "Prosperity Gospel"?

2. As stated earlier (3:1-5) the _____ of man, and in particular false teachers will _____ in the latter days. (3:13a)

* Was Paul contradicting himself in v. 13 from what he already said in v. 9?

3. As always is the case, when false teachers are trying to _____ others, they have already been _____ themselves, and are continuing to be deceived; such is the perversity of sin. (3:13b)

* How can you personally apply this truth?