

2 Timothy 4v 9-18.

The Concluding Comments and Requests.

Paul writes of a number of people with whom he has had contact and had been his companions in time past.

DEMAS who had DESERTED HIM v10

He is mentioned in Col. 4v14; Phm.24 as one of Paul's close associates

The contrast between those who love Christ's appearing and those who loved the present world is brought out not only by the use of the same verb (agapao) but also by the fact that *aion* denotes the world under aspects of time, thus emphasising the difference between the present and future time sequences. He has fallen in love with this present age. Keep our priorities right.

CRESENS and TITUS who could be SENT BY HIM v10

Servant of the Lord, Cresens was sent to Galatia or Gaul (modern France).

Titus was on the other hand never very far from Paul and available to him, as formally in Jerusalem and Crete. Now Dalmatia.

Open to the Lord for the place of his service.

LUKE who REMAINED WITH HIM v11.

Luke was still there. He had been a companion of Paul for many years. He did not run about as the others, but God filled his hands with writing the Gospel and the Acts. Some always think of what they could do somewhere else but not at home. We must be a missionary across the street before we can be a missionary across the sea.

YOUNG MARK who should RETURN TO HIM v11

He wants Mark to come. 'he is profitable to me'. See Acts 12v25; 13v13; 15v38, 39. Also Col. 4v10; Phm 24; 1 Pet. 5v23. God can take us again and use us again when we fail.

TYCHICUS who would TRAVEL FOR HIM v12

Sent to Ephesus with this letter?

Col. 4v7; Eph. 6v21. He was not the letter-writer but he could be the letter-bearer. Do what you can for God.

TIMOTHY who must BRING TO HIM v13

Come to see him – he was lonely.

a cloak(the outer garment of heavy material) to keep him warm and parchments to keep him occupied. He wished to be busy to the end. Some do not see the need of books at all.