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Who Was Demas?

- One of Paul's friends and companions. Colossians 4:14; Philemon 23-24.
- Demas accompanied Paul and others on missionary trips, such as the one into Asia and went with him on his voyage to Rome and seems to have also been a fellow prisoner with Paul. Acts 19:29
- Paul named Demas right along with doctor Luke. *“Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.”* Colossians 4:14

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What Had Demas Forsaken?

- Paul.
- The Lord.
- The church.
- The fellowship of the saints.
- Worship activities:
 - His voice was not heard in the songs and hymns of praise, nor was his heart joined in the prayers of the people of God.
- He had forsaken the promise and prospect of heaven itself!

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WHY?

- **He Had Misplaced Love.**
 - He loved *“this present world.”* cf. 2 Timothy 3:1-5, especially verse 4
- **Must love God. Matthew 22:36-40 WHY?**
 - He created us. Acts 17:24; Revelation 4:11
 - He sent His Son to die for us. John 3:16; Romans 5:6-9
 - He has given us a Bible to read and study so that we might know God. 2 Peter 1:20-21
 - He wants us to be with Him in Heaven. John 14:1-3
 - God provides spiritual blessings to those in Christ. Ephesians 1:3
 - Besides the physical blessings. Matthew 5:45

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WHY?

He Rejected Christ As King.

- *“This present world”* ruled Demas, rather than God. 2 Timothy 4:10; Romans 6:16; Matthew 6:24; 2 Peter 2:19
- New Life, New King. Galatians 2:20, 3:27
- He had forsaken the blood of Jesus.
- If we truly believe that Christ is King. 1 Timothy 6:14-15
 - We will do what He says. Who will rule us?
- We serve God or sin. Matthew 6:24; Romans 6:16.
- Who ruled Demas?

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WHY?

He Crucified Christ Afresh.

- This is the result of Demas turning from God and turning to the world. Hebrews 6:4-6
- Demas was like a dog turning to his own vomit or a sow that had been washed that then turned back to the mire. 2 Peter 2:21-22
- Hebrews 10:26-31 shows us that it is a fearful thing to stand in opposition to the God of Heaven!!

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WHY?

His Influence Was Ruined.

- Demas was once a good friend and trusted companion of Paul. Colossians 4:14; Philemon 23-24
- He was known by and had influence on the Colossian brethren. Colossians 4:14
- He was known by Philemon, and had influence on Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, and Luke. Philemon 23-24
- He also was known by Timothy. 2 Timothy 4:10
- There were many unnamed individuals that were influenced by him. His leaving the Lord had an impact on many.
- Regardless of the why, Demas' influence for good was ruined when he turned and left the Lord for worldly, sinful pleasures! Ezekiel 18:24, 26

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Modern-Day Demas'

- Those who say and do not. Matthew 23:3-6, 6:5, 16
- Those who will not sacrifice the old man. Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 3:1-10.
- Those who are “fair-weather” Christians. 2 Timothy 3:4
- Those who forget who is the master and who is the slave. Those who “pick and choose” what they will obey and leave the rest out.
- Those who have forgotten the Lord who bought them. Romans 6:16-18; 2 John 9-11

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Are You A Modern-day Demas?

- It is possible. 1 Corinthians 9:27; Galatians 6:1; 2 Peter 3:17
- Anything that takes our focus off of God is based in “*this present world.*” 1 John 2:15-17
- Possible for Demas to return. Luke 22:61-62; Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9
- It is not too late to return to the Lord! Don't harden your heart, and turn away from the truth!!