

Colossians – Chapter 4

“Paul’s Companions: A Doctor and a Deserter”

Colossians 4:14

Verse 14

1. Paul mentions Luke and calls him *“the beloved physician.”*
2. It appears that Luke just stayed with Paul during Paul’s imprisonment and attended to Paul’s physical needs.
3. Isn’t it interesting that one of the greatest _____ in the Bible needed a personal physician? Why is this?
4. The gift of healing was a _____ gift that was given in the book of Acts for a twofold purpose:
 - To authenticate to Israel the message that the apostles spoke.
 - As a sign of impending _____ to the nation of Israel.
5. Many of Paul’s letters were written after the book of Acts, and what do we find?
 - Paul has a personal physician attending to him.
 - Paul left Trophimus _____ at Miletum. 2 Timothy 4:20
 - Timothy is plagued with continual sicknesses. 1 Timothy 5:23
 - Epaphroditus (one of Paul’s close friends) was sick and almost _____. Philippians 2:25-30
6. The healing signs of Pentecost eventually _____.
7. But praise God, though our outward man perish, our inward man is renewed day by day.
 - *“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.” 2 Corinthians 4:16*
8. Next, Paul mentions a man by the name of Demas.
9. In 2 Timothy 4:10, we see a very sad verse: *“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica.”*

10. Why did he leave Paul and his place of service? Paul said that Demas loved the present world.
- When the Bible speaks of “the world,” it is referring to the satanic policy of evil that fills the earth at the present time. The apostle John warned about falling in _____ with the world.
1 John 2:15-17
 - A believer is not of this world system. We have been delivered from Satan’s kingdom of _____, and translated into Christ’s kingdom. Colossians 1:13; John 17:14-16
11. Unfortunately, many times, Satan’s world system offers temporary pleasures and temporal prosperity and popularity. Like a powerful vacuum, it is ever trying to suck in the believer so that our _____ will not shine for Christ.