THE ACCUSER IN THE LAST DAYS



II TIMOTHY 3:1-5

I. God's people should expect terrible behavior in the world (II Timothy 3:1).



 How does a long-lasting rejection of Jesus manifest itself? (v.13)

 For what reasons would God share this news with His people?

II. Unbelievers will display increasingly selfish sins (v.2-4).



• What central attitude links all of the sins in these three verses?

 How can Christianity help us overcome this lifestyle?

 On which of these sins do you need to do the most work?

III. One of these sins identifies with 'the accuser' (v.3).



What word is used to describe Satan 34 times and Judas once?
 (Luke 4:2, 3, 5, 6, 13; John 6:70-71)

 What word is used only three times to describe people other than Judas? (I Timothy 3:11; II Timothy 3:3; Titus 2:3)

IV. An outward appearance of godliness is powerless (v.5).



 How does true godliness differ from the mere appearance of it?

 How can we have a godliness that is more than just an appearance of it?

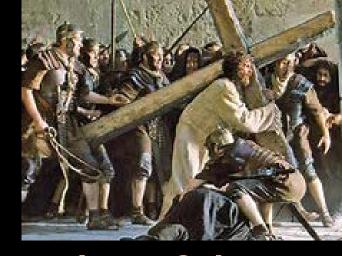
V. We need to be careful to completely avoid such people (v.5).



 What happens when we become comfortable around those who try to appear godly?

 How can we reach unbelievers without becoming comfortable with their sin?

Call to Action: To overcome ungodliness with the self-denying power of Christ.



- •How does sin in our time compare that of the first century?
- •What happens to people who are lovers of themselves?
- •How are gossips like Satan?
- •How is your righteousness deeper than mere appearance?
- •In what ways do you need to deny self?

-How can we help?