

**Opposing Christ is the Greatest of Evils**  
**2 Timothy 4:14-16**

**I. What do we \_\_\_\_\_ about this Alexander?**

**1. He did great \_\_\_\_\_ to the beloved apostle**

**2. He strongly \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian message**

**Christians, like Timothy, should \_\_\_\_\_ of those persons who seek to do harm to other saints (especially proclaimers of Truth) and who reveal themselves to be vehement \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ**

**II. There is a difference in \_\_\_\_\_ and tone from verses 14 and 16**

**There is a difference between the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ and the sin of openly \_\_\_\_\_ Christ**

**III. Divine \_\_\_\_\_ is coming**

## Quotes:

*“He (Alexander) had committed no greater offense than an attack on sound doctrine; for if Alexander had wounded his person, or committed an assault on him, he would have endured it patiently; but when the truth of God is assailed, his holy breast burns with indignation...A little afterwards, when he complains that all had forsaken him, still he does not call down the vengeance of God on them, but, on the contrary, appears as their intercessor, pleading that they may obtain pardon. So mild and so merciful to all others, how comes it that he shows himself so harsh and inexorable towards this individual? The reason is this. Because some had fallen through fear and weakness, he desires that the Lord would forgive them; for in this manner we ought to have compassion on the weakness of brethren. But because this man rose against God with malice and sacrilegious hardihood, and openly attacked known truth, such impiety had no claim to compassion.”-Calvin*

*“The greatest contempt is to suspect or to accuse someone publicly of being, in our opinion, a liar and wicked, which we do when we do not trust a person. So when the soul firmly believes the God who promises, it regards God as true and righteous. Nothing can show God greater respect! This is the highest worship of God: To bestow on God truthfulness.”-Luther*