

Excerpt from May 15 2024 letter by Garry Protheroe to “Dear All” Australia

The family of God in some areas has been going through a phase of where **the Lord is getting rid of those that really don't love Him**. They make all sorts of excuses why they don't want to obey His word and be at His table and be a part of His family anymore. Despite all the excuses given, the bottom line is, **really there is only one reason why someone leaves the family of God (2x2ism) , and that is because they no longer love the Lord their God with all their heart, mind, soul and spirit**. That is the great and the first commandment, and the second is to love our neighbour as our self. So, when one of these loves goes out the window, the other does too, we see so often. It's a sad picture.

For many decades in this country, we have faced no persecution, no tribulation, never known poverty and difficult times or war, so it has bred a shallowness in people and a feeling of “I don't need God,” and sometime that creeps into our spiritual service too and gives the devil a marvellous opportunity to sow doubt and contempt and take away the fear of God, and consequently the love of God, and the wisdom of God too no longer is sought in making choices for right or wrong. Righteousness and sin become blurred into one, and souls become so blind as to no longer be able to distinguish them any longer. And as Isaiah said, they begin to call evil good and good evil.