



Church of the Living God
“Entrusted to You” Series
1 Timothy 3:14-16, p. 992
March 28, 2021
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Introduction

In this sermon we learn about the centrality of the local church in the purposes of God.

The Text: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

¹⁴ I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. ¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

- 1) How a Christian thinks and acts toward the church is important to God (vv. 14-15abc).
- 2) The church is a pillar and protector of the gospel (v. 15d).
- 3) The life and ministry of the church is centered upon Jesus Christ (v. 16).

Response

Hope Church is a “church of the living God.” Let us live and minister as such!

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 3:14-16 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: What did you think about “the church” before you became a Christian?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What does v. 14 teach us about the personal nature of Paul’s ministry and the importance of Scripture for the instruction of Christians?
- 4) Why might the ways we “behave” or act toward “the household of God” be important (v. 15b)?
- 5) What does Paul mean when he calls the church “the church of the living God” (v. 15c)?
- 6) How does the church serve as “a pillar and buttress [protector]” of the truth/gospel (v. 15d)?
- 7) V. 16 is a biblical creed, which summarizes the life and significance of Jesus. What is your impression of creeds and confessions, and why should they be used by the church today?
- 8) What do the six phrases in the creed teach us? [hint: each phrase could be summarized this way: Incarnation, Death/Resurrection, Ascension, Preaching, Believing, Reigning.]
- 9) What does this passage teach us about the sacred role and importance of the church?
- 10) What applications can Christians draw from this passage about participating in the local church?

Further study this week: Passages on truth: John 14:6 (Mon); John 8:32 (Tues); John 16:13 (Wed); John 4:24 (Thurs); John 17:17 (Fri).