

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Theme: 1 Timothy 3:15 - how people ought to conduct themselves in the household of God,...

I. Significance of the church (1 Corinthians 14:23-25)

- A. The expression of God's family
- B. The dwelling place of God (2 Corinthians 6:16, Ephesians 2:22)
- C. The guardian of God's Word (Matthew 16:18)
  - 1. Preserve it
    - a. Privilege
    - b. Responsibility
  - 2. Proclaim it (Mark 16:15, Colossians 1:28)
    - a. To the world
    - b. to one another

II. Supremacy of Christ

- A. Revealed the mystery
- B. Displays God's majesty
  - 1. Revealed in the flesh
  - 2. Verified by the Spirit (Matthew 3:16-17, Romans 1:4)
  - 3. Seen by angels

- 4. Proclaimed in the world
- 5. Savior of the world (Romans 10:9-10)
- 6. Taken up in glory (Acts 1:9-11)

III. Application

- A. The church's foundation
  - 1. Divine truth
  - 2. The Bible
    - a. Supreme and final authority
    - b. Centered on Jesus
- B. 3 principles
  - 1. Our conduct is based on Scripture
  - 2. We need to conform to the truth of Scripture
  - 3. We must confess the Lord Jesus Christ
  - 4. Live out our faith (1 John 4:4, Colossians 1:27)

*"The truths about Christ and the gospel should radically change the way we live and the way our churches function. There is nothing like the church in all the world, no other body more significant in all history, nor will there ever be."<sup>1</sup>*

Study: 1 Timothy 4:1-6 - in preparation for next week.

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<sup>1</sup>Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary, 2013, D. Platt, D. Akin, & T. Merida, B&H Publishing