

The House of God and the Mystery of Godliness

I. Paul's _____ in writing this letter to Timothy!

The last 6 words of vs 14, and the first 5 words of vs 15 are _____.
“hoping to come unto thee shortly: 15 But if I tarry long”

The parenthesis shows us: 1. Paul did not know the _____. 2. Paul _____ Timothy.

KEY: It's good to have you leaders in your life, but if you don't have access to them, you can be successful in your ministry! God's Word is sufficient.

Leaders! Does your disciple know that you love and want to be with him / her?

Key word – “hoping” 3 John 1:14; 2 John 1:12; Phil 1:22; 1 Thes 2:17-18

Key word – “behave”

Purpose: Timothy was Paul's disciple in the faith. Paul wanted to make sure he had an understanding of the business and functions of the ministry. See also 2 Tim 2:2

Why? Tim has disciples of his own to _____ in the LORD!

We are coming together for a purpose as /at the house of God! (vs 15-16)

- Gen 28:10-19 - purpose: meeting with God!
- 1 Pet 4:17 -purpose: judgement.

Why go to all the trouble of making, and keeping God's house _____?

Vs 15...it is the church of the living God! 1Sa 17:26; 2Ki 19:4-5; Da 6:20; 26-28; Ps 42:2; 84:2; Ro 9:24-26

Eph 2:19-22– we are God's _____!

We'd better take our behavior seriously!

In the house of God, BECAUSE OF IT'S _____, there is a right way to “_____.”

We see this word used in 2 Cor 1:12 this way – it talks about our behaving as our _____.

We need to know this 1 Tim leadership manual, because we can behave wrongly. Ps 95

Beware: *stupid ignorant behavior will _____ what God wants out of His people.* 1Co 10:1-13

- **The church has a _____. It is in vs 15. “the pillar and ground of the truth.”**

A pillar is a column: that's _____. The word “ground” is the substructure or the _____
“of the truth” – that's horizontal.

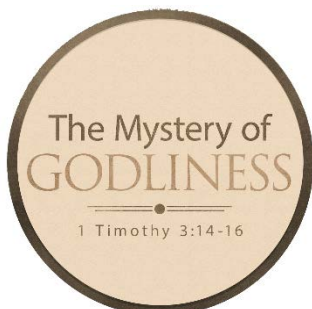
So: What is the truth? **John 17:17**

Our job is to hold up and support the truth / the Word of God. Ex: **Phil 2:16**

II. The truth the church functions to _____.

Vs 16 condenses the life of the Lord Jesus Christ from his incarnation to His ascension into one verse.

This is the truth BOMB that we are responsible / accountable before God to hold up and support in this world.



Great is the mystery of Godliness!

Key word – “great” **Psa 145:3; Luke 1:30-32; Heb 13:20; 4:14; Acts 4:33; Rev 20:11**

The Word of God lays out for you 7 mysteries. 1 Tim 3:9

You must know about the mysteries of the Bible because you are required to steward them. 1Co 4:1-2

6 statements regarding this first key mystery.

1. “God was manifest in the flesh”

This is one of the greatest verses in your King James Bible on the deity of Christ (other versions say “who was”, “he was” or “he who” or something like that... Asv, Esv, Niv, etc...

Vs 16 reveals that Jesus was God in the _____! 1 John 5:20; John 10:30_

God has made a man in one of **four** ways.

How was Christ incarnated? **Matt 1:20-23; John 1:1-2; 14**

That is why Jesus Christ dying on the cross saves sinners today nearly two thousand years later. It was who He was, that makes what He did of such value! **1 John 3:5; John 14:6**

2. “justified in the Spirit” Rom 1:1-4; 1 Cor 6:11

3. “seen of Angels” Matt 4:11; Heb 1:13-14

God’s angels saw and helped Christ’s earthly ministry. Now... 2 Cor 5:17-21

4. “preached unto the Gentiles” 1 Thes 4:5 talks about

Examples: Acts 8:5; 35

Paul was the _____ to the Gentiles – preaching Christ. Gal 2:8; Col 1:27; Eph 3:8

What about you? Matt 28:18-20

5. “believed on in the world”

The early church was made up of Jewish Believers. As the Gospel spread to the world... some Gentiles accepted Christ, some did not. Now 1 Cor 10:32 divides humanity into 3 groups.

John 1:11-12; 3:14-16; 18; 5:24 - Rom 10:9-10

6. “received up into glory” – the ascension. Acts 1:9; Eph 4:8; 1 Pet 3:21-22; Eph 1:18-23

Notice that last word “**Glor**y” – It is a synonym for _____! **Ps 73:24; Heb 2:10**

You need to know!

At the ascension He disappeared, but He is not going to stay up there. He is only there temporarily. He is going to reappear. He is going to first appear to the saints and then seven years later, He is going to appear to the sinners. The first appearance to the church is called "the Rapture." The second appearance to the world is called 'the Revelation.' And the two are separated by the Great Tribulation.

