



## Christ's Church: Pillar & Foundation of Truth

### 1 Timothy 3:14-16

- 1) Scripture: the written word of God (3:14-15)
  - a) Handed down from Christ to His apostles
  - b) Given for Christian instruction (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
  - c) Tells us how to honor God
- 2) The church: the household of God's truth (3:15b)
- 3) Jesus Christ: the "mystery of godliness" (3:16)
  - a) Revealed to the world in flesh; proved by the Spirit
  - b) Seen by heavenly angels; proclaimed to earthly nations
  - c) Believed in this world; ascended to heavenly world
- 4) What do we as Christians do with the truth?
  - a) Believe it (cf. Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)
  - b) Obey it (Luke 11:28)
  - c) Dwell upon it (Col. 3:16; cf. Ps. 119:11)
  - d) Preach it (Matt 28:19-20)
  - e) Gather together for it (Heb. 10:25)
  - f) Be diligent with it (2 Tim. 2:15)
  - g) Defend it (Phil. 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15)
- 5) Three guiding principles for Christians
  - a) Our lives are based on the teachings of Scripture
  - b) We must conform ourselves to the Bible, not the Bible to ourselves
  - c) Our confession of faith is about Jesus Christ alone