

1 Timothy 3:14-16

The Conduct and Confession of the Church

The Conduct of the Church (vv. 14-15)

- Writing for this Reason (vv. 14-15a)

- Weight of this Responsibility (v. 15c)

The Confession of the church (v. 16)

Application of 1 Timothy 3:14-16

1. Reflect on the blessing of Paul's letter (which he wrote because he wasn't in Ephesus) and how this truth has now been preserved and given to us as part of God's inspired Word. Thank God for using ordinary events and challenges to leave us with His truth for our benefit thousands of years later.
2. What increased weight of responsibility in how you and the church conduct themselves, comes from understanding the church is the house of God and the church of the living God?
3. How does recognizing you are part of the church, which is the pillar and support of the truth motivate and/or challenge you in your commitment to know and stand for the truth?
4. Reflect on and respond with prayer and praise for the great mystery of godliness, which is Christ Himself
 - a. He came in the flesh (see also John 1:1, 14; Phil 2:5-8; Heb 2:17; 1 John 3:5, 8b)
 - b. He rose from the dead proving His deity, His sinless perfection, His justification of sinners, His power over sin, death, and the devil (see also Rom 1:3-4; Rom 4:23-25; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Heb 2:14)
 - c. He was taken up in glory and is now seated at the right hand of the Father (see also Acts 1:9; Eph 1:20-23; Heb 12:1-2)
 - d. He is
 - i. the object of our preaching (e.g. Acts 8:5; 2 Cor 4:5) and
 - ii. the object of our belief (Acts 16:31; John 1:12; 3:16, 18, 36; 6:35, 40; 7:38-39; 11:25; 12:46) 1 John 3:23),
 - iii. because salvation is in Christ and Christ alone for everyone who believes (e.g. Rom 1:16; John 3:16; Acts 4:12)
5. Ask God to give you opportunity and boldness this week to confess Christ and stand for His truth

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 3:14-16 and 4:1-5 ahead of next week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<i>The C_____ and C_____</i>	_____
	<i>of the C_____</i>	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	<i>The C_____ of the C_____ (vv. ____ - ____)</i>	_____
	- W_____ for this R_____ (vv. 14-15a)	_____
	- Weight of this R_____ (v. 15c)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	<i>The C_____ of the C_____ (v. _____)</i>	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church(es)	Conduct	Confession	Paul	Us

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: