

The Church: God's biggest deal on earth

1 Timothy 3:14-16

- I. God's word – God entrusted His church with the truth of His word (1 Timothy 3:14-15).
 - A. How to live – Paul wrote so believers know how to live as God's family in the church (3:14-15a).

 - B. What to teach – The church must proclaim and defend the truth of God's word (3:15b).

- II. Jesus Christ – God empowers His church through the person of Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 3:16).
 - A. Jesus Christ is the “mystery of godliness” who transforms all believers (3:16a; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20).

 - B. Jesus Christ empowers the church to impact the world for God's glory (3:16b).
 - 1. His incarnation – He became man (John 1:18).
 - 2. His resurrection – He was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit (Romans 1:4; 8:11).
 - 3. His angelic confirmation – He was validated by angels (birth, resurrection, ascension).
 - 4. He is our message – He is proclaimed to all nations (1 Corinthians 1:23; 1 Timothy 1:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20).
 - 5. He is salvation – He gives eternal life to all who believe in Him (John 3:16, Acts 4:12).
 - 6. He is exalted – He ascended and will reign forever (Acts 1:9-11; Philippians 2:9-11).