

DELIVER US FROM EVIL
THE FIGHT ON EVERY FRONT

Part 7

“GOD’S FAMILY: THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD”
“A Safe Haven and a Solid Household in a Corrupt and Crumbling Culture”
(1 Timothy 3:14-16)

INTRODUCTION:

PREVIOUSLY... *(Ephesians 6:10-20)*

IF AM GOING TO AVOID BEING A CASUALTY OF THIS MULTI-FRONT WAR, THEN I MUST AFFIRM AND EMBRACE FOUR FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS:

- “I’m a _____ in a struggle called to _____ by His strength.”

“...so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil....^{13b} ...so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.¹⁴ Stand firm therefore,....”

- For our sanctification, we not only need a vital theology of repentance, but also a vigorous theology of _____.

PREVIOUSLY... *(Ephesians 5:3-17)*

OUT OF THE DARKNESS AND INTO THE LIGHT!

- We are to walk in purity,... for impurity has no _____ in God’s kingdom, is in the _____ of God’s judgment, and is to be in the _____ for God’s children.

“Therefore do not be partakers with them; **for you were formerly darkness**, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light...”

- We have a new _____ : To please the _____ above all else.
- We have a new _____ : To provide the _____ in a dark world.

“Therefore **be careful how you walk**, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, **because the days are evil**.”

—Ephesians 5:15-17

BUT WE MUST REMEMBER...

...THAT THOUGH THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A _____ AGAINST THE DARKNESS,
BUT WE DON’T _____ ALONE.

...THAT THOUGH THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A _____ AGAINST THE DARKNESS,
BUT WE DON’T _____ ALONE.

WE HAVE A _____ !

GOD'S FAMILY—THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD...

"I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; ¹⁵ but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. ¹⁶ By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

He who was revealed in the flesh,
Was vindicated in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,
Believed on in the world,
Taken up in glory."

—1 Timothy 3:14-16

1A. WE ARE TO BE _____ THE TRUTH. (v. 15b)

"...which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth."

"O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called 'knowledge'..."

—1 Timothy 6:20

2A. WE ARE TO BE _____ THE TRUTH. (v. 15a)

"...but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God..."

"But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

—1 Timothy 1:5

3A. WE ARE TO BE _____ THE TRUTH. (v. 16)

"...By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness..."

"Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed..."

—Colossians 2:6, 7

4A. WE ARE TO BE _____ THE TRUTH.