

## **Church Life: The Church and The Saints**

### **1 Timothy 3:14-16**

#### **Introduction:**

Because of the condition of the Church at Ephesus, Paul knew that it would be beneficial to remind Timothy to remind the drifting Church of the basic truths of the Christian faith. Much like the Ephesians, we need reminders concerning the fundamentals of the faith. Chapter 3 and verse 15a actually give us the theme of 1 Timothy and it addresses first, Timothy, the young pastor of the Church in Ephesus and then the entire body of believers in Ephesus.

- “You” refers to the singular Timothy, who must know what he ought to teach the Church.
- “Know” (oida) - the possession of knowledge or skill necessary to accomplish a goal.
- The emphasis is on how one should “conduct” themselves.
- “Himself” - Paul broadens the spectrum from Timothy the individual to every believer.
- The intent is to address the behavior of saints characterized by a consistent pattern of life.

#### **1. The Church \_\_\_\_\_ to The \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

- **The \_\_\_\_\_ of God - refers to a family rather than a building.**
- **Church of the \_\_\_\_\_ God - stresses the nature and character of the church**
- **\_\_\_\_\_ - refers to the gathering**

John MacArthur states about the Church in Ephesus, **“It was the island of light in a dark sea of pagan worship. Crucial to behaving properly is the knowledge that the assembly of saints is the living God’s church in the world of dead idols, and that it is mandated and empowered for a divine mission and a diving message.”**

#### **2. The Church’s \_\_\_\_\_ is to Uphold the Truth of God’s Word.**

- **We must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.**
- **We should put the Word of God to \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **We should \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word of God.**
- **We should \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.**
- **We must \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.**
- **We must \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.**
- **We must live by the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God.**
- **We must \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God**

**3. The Church Must \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth It Upholds.**

- **Jesus came and \_\_\_\_\_ Himself in the flesh.**
- **Jesus was declared \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit (spiritual nature)**
- **Jesus was attended to by \_\_\_\_\_ while on earth.**
- **Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ among the nations.**
- **Jesus was believed, resulting in many having saving faith.**
- **Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to Heaven; taken up in glory.**

**“Too many churches are little more than four walls and a roof”. - *Billy Sunday***