

L9: 1 Timothy 3:14-16: The Mystery of Godliness

Sermon Review: Review/Summarize

- The doctrine unto godly edifying
 - charity
- Men & women in general
- The bishop and the deacon

Sermon Preview:

- Summary of Paul's reason for writing Timothy
- Behavior in the church - reflective of the pillar and ground of the truth
- The mystery of godliness
 - God was manifest in the flesh
 - Justified in the Spirit
 - Seen of angels
 - Preached unto the Gentiles
 - Believed on in the world
 - Received up into glory

Sermon:

(1 Timothy 3:14) These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

- **"these things write I unto thee"**
 - Teach no other doctrine
 - Not the law
 - The end is charity
 - Charity in men and women
 - Bishop and deacon

(1 Timothy 3:15) But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

- **"But if I tarry long"**
 - Things written in his physical absence
- **"that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself"**

- **"know"** - To perceive with certainty; to understand clearly; to have a clear and certain perception of truth, fact, or any thing that actually exists
- **"how"** - In what manner; To what degree or extent; For what reason; from what cause; By what means
- **"ought"** - To be held or bound in duty or moral obligation; To be necessary; to behoove (Heb.); To be fit or expedient (1 Cor.)
- **"behave"** - To restrain; to govern; to subdue; To act; to conduct; generally applied to manners, or to conduct in any particular business
- **"in the house of God"**
 - With members of the body of Christ when gathered together
 - 1 Cor. 3:16 - each member
 - 1 The. 4:1
 - 1 Cor. 11:17 - gathering of each member
 - 1 Cor. 5
- **"which is the church of the living God"**
 - 2 Cor. 3 - Spirit of the living God writing on our hearts
 - 2 Cor. 6:6 - temple of the living God
 - 1 The. 1:9 - serve the living and true God
- **"the pillar and ground of the truth"**
 - Terms of identification
 - Terms of function
 - If truth isn't being declared?
 - If you are not the instrument for trust?
 - If the preaching of the truth?
 - If you're not handling the truth properly?
 - If you're not rightly dividing the word of truth? (which goes beyond dispensational matters)
 - You may be the church in identity, but not in function
 - The church has departed from preaching and teaching of truth
 - Truth that brings you, in this life the closest to being face to face with God, our Father.
 - **"pillar"** - a king or irregular column
 - Uphold, hold (Php. 2)
 - A supporter, sustain, that which some superstructure rests

- Spirit of truth written in our hearts, the epistle of Christ, we are the pillars of truth, the hearts in which truth rests and is upheld.
- Where truth is to be, and what are role is with truth
- **"ground"** - region or territory, possession, foundation; that which supports anything
 - Location

(1 Timothy 3:16) And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

- **"And without controversy"**
 - Dispute; debate; agitation of contrary opinions; Dispute; opposition carried on
- **"great is the mystery of godliness"**
 - The reality of the mystery of godliness is without controversy
 - The greatness of the mystery of godliness is without controversy
 - What is "the mystery of godliness"?
- Summary of all its' components and features:
 - **"God was manifest in the flesh"** - Jn. 1; Gal. 1, 2, 2 The. 1:12; Col. 1
 - **"justified in the Spirit"** - Rom. 3; Luk. 7:29
 - **"seen of angels"** - Rom. 8; 1 Cor. 4, 6, Eph. 4
 - **"preached unto the Gentiles"** - Acts 9; 2 Tim. 4:17; 2 Cor. 5
 - **"believed on in the world"** - Acts; 1 The. 2:15; Eph. 1
 - **"received up into glory"** - Rom. 8; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 5; 1 The. 4
- Difference of the manifestation of godliness
 - Christ - godliness
 - In flesh
 - Justified in Spirit
 - Seen of angels
 - Preached to Israel, then the world
 - Believed in Israel, {Received up into glory} then the world
 - Received up into glory

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize