



BECOMING

Instructions to the Church
from the Pastoral Epistles

THE CHURCH'S GODLINESS

Text: 1 Timothy 3:14–16

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¹⁴ I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. ¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

DRIVING QUESTION:

Why should the Church pursue godliness, and how do we become a godly people?

There are two great movements in Paul's answer:

WHY?

Because of who we are

HOW?

Because of who Christ is and what He has done

1. WHY GODLINESS? — BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE

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A. WE ARE GOD'S HOUSEHOLD

¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in **the household of God**, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

B. WE ARE THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, **which is the church of the living God**, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

C. WE ARE THE PILLAR AND BUTTRESS OF THE TRUTH

¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, **a pillar and buttress of the truth**.

2. HOW GODLINESS? — BY BEHOLDING AND BELIEVING THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST

¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is **the mystery of godliness**: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

A. "HE WAS MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH"

¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: **He was manifested in the flesh**, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

B. "VINDICATED BY THE SPIRIT"

¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, **vindicated by the Spirit**, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

C. "SEEN BY ANGELS"

¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, **seen by angels**, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

D. "PROCLAIMED AMONG THE NATIONS"

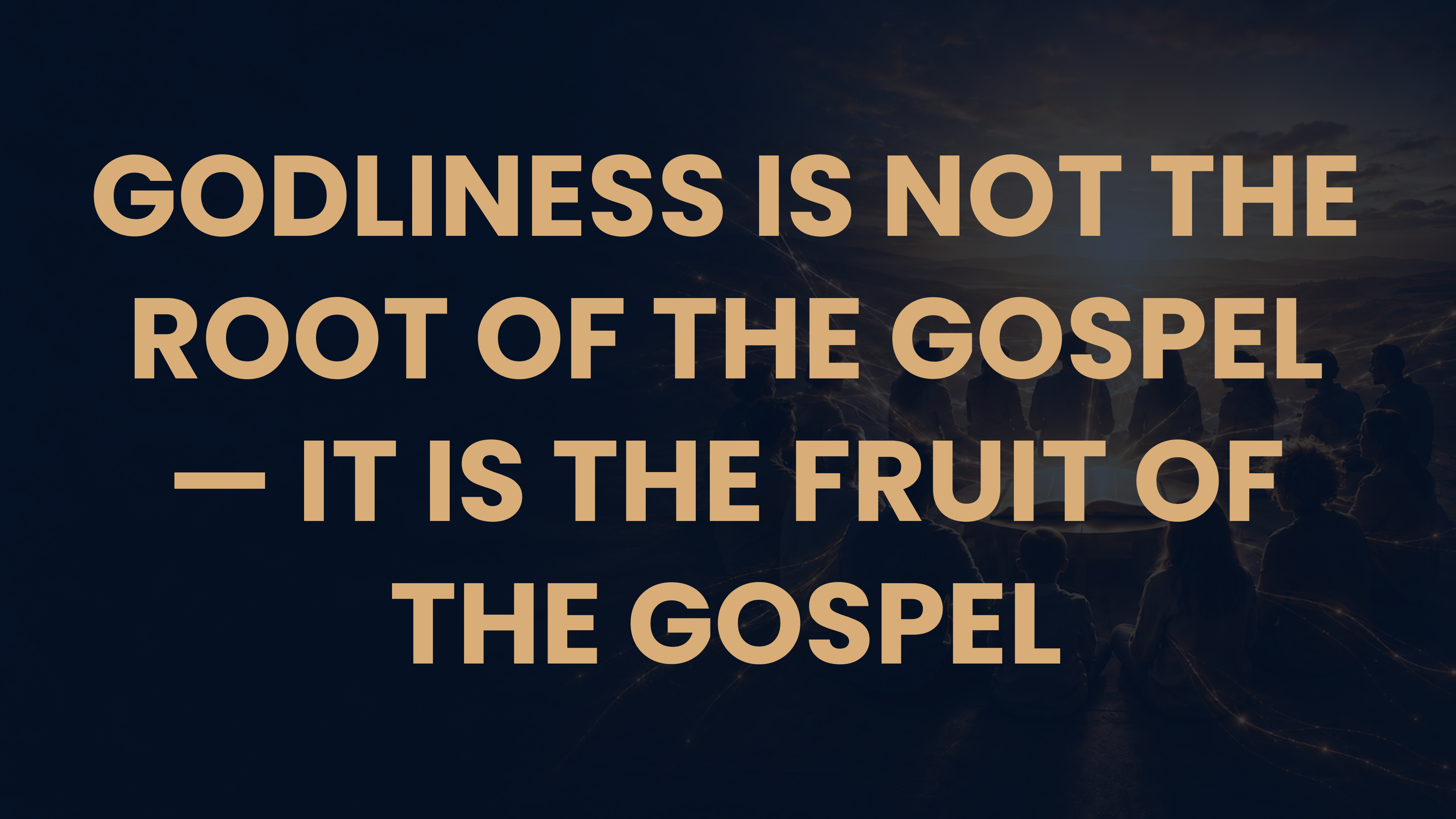
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E. "BELIEVED ON IN THE WORLD"

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F. "TAKEN UP IN GLORY"

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A group of people are sitting in a circle on the ground at night, looking towards a glowing orb in the center. The orb is surrounded by a network of glowing lines, suggesting a digital or spiritual connection. The scene is set against a dark, starry sky with some clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

**GODLINESS IS NOT THE
ROOT OF THE GOSPEL
— IT IS THE FRUIT OF
THE GOSPEL**

Why should the Church pursue godliness, and how do we become a godly people?

Paul's answer is beautifully simple.

WHY? Because of **who we are**. We are the household of God. We are the Church of the living God. We are the pillar and buttress of His truth.

And **HOW?** Because of **who Jesus is and what Jesus has done**. He was manifested in the flesh. Vindicated by the Spirit. Seen by angels. Proclaimed among the nations. Believed on in the world. Taken up in glory.

So Christian, stop trying to produce godliness by merely staring at yourself. **Look to Christ.**