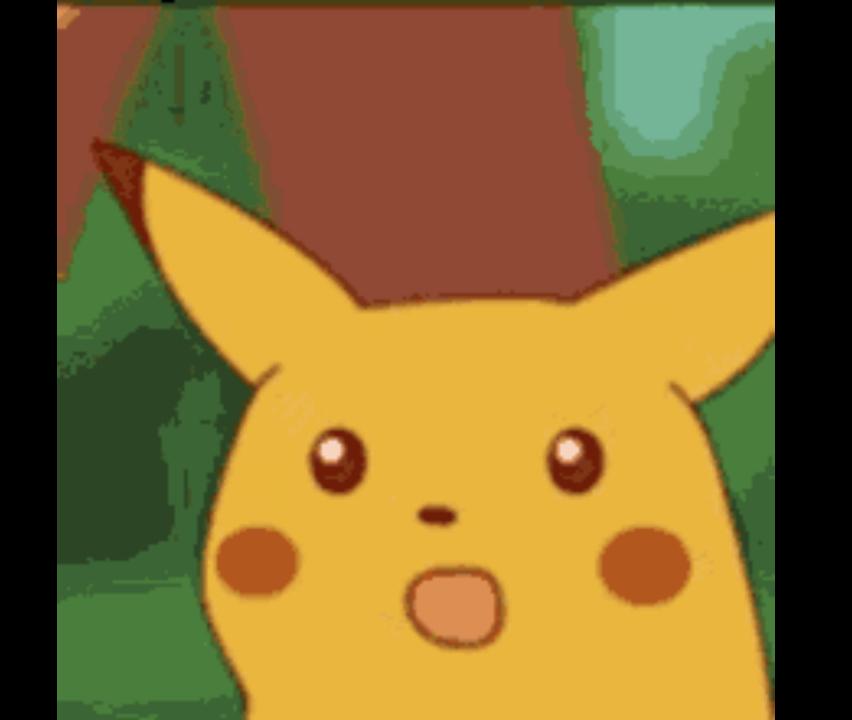


LIVING AS THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 3:14-4:5, pg. 1052)



1) THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION (14-16)



¹⁴I write these things to you, hoping to come to you soon. ¹⁵But if I should be delayed, I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I also ask you, true partner, to help these women who have contended for the gospel at my side, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:2-3



"When Paul taught that the truth is the foundation of the church, he was referring to the church's life and health: the church rests on the truth, depends on it, cannot exist without it. But when he taught that the church is the foundation of the truth (3:15), he was referring to the church's mission: the church is called to serve the truth, to hold it fast and make it known. So then, the church and the truth need each other. The church depends on the truth for its existence; the truth depends on the church for its defence and proclamation." John Stott

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens—Jesus the Son of God—let us hold fast to our confession.

Hebrews 4:14

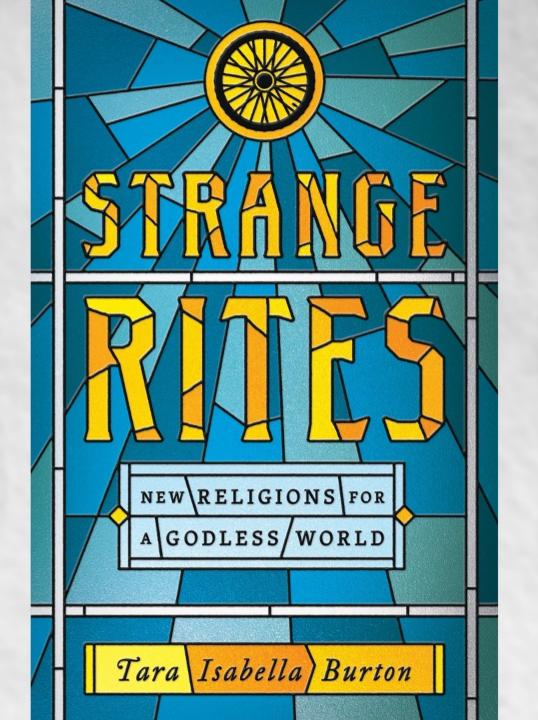
¹⁶And most certainly, the mystery of godliness is great:

He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1) THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION (14-16) 2) THE SPIRIT VS. THE **SPIRITS (4:1-3)**



4:1 Now the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons, ²through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared. 3They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods that God created to be received with gratitude by those who believe and know the truth.



More and more Americans...envision themselves as creators of their own bespoke religions, mixing and matching spiritual and aesthetic and experiential and philosophical traditions."

Tara Isabella Burton

For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth, since what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse.

Romans 1:18-20

1) THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION (14-16) 2) THE SPIRIT VS. THE **SPIRITS (4:1-3)** 3) THANKSGIVING (4:4-5)

⁴For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵since it is sanctified by the word of God and by prayer.



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