



SUNDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: The Truth Worth Building Your Life On

Passage: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

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Introduction: We are living in a time when truth is often treated as something flexible, shaped to fit personal views and culture. That mindset has even crept into the church, where truth is sometimes softened or adjusted instead of firmly upheld. But the church is defined by its relationship to the truth, not by anything else. Paul reminds us that the church is the pillar and ground of the truth in a shifting world. And at the center of that truth is not just a set of beliefs, but a Person, Jesus Christ.

I. The Church Must Hold Up the Truth (Verses 14-15)

Our responsibility to live for God does not change based on who is around us.

Character is not proven when everyone is watching; it is proven when no one is.

The church is where God's people are to live differently. How we speak, how we treat one another, how we live, it matters to God because this is His house.

Church is where God steadies your heart and anchors your mind. That is why you cannot treat church as optional.

You'll be surrounded by voices shaping your beliefs and lifestyle. Some will be persuasive, some popular, and even some



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compassionate. However, if they contradict the truth of God's Word, they're not truth.

II. The Truth is Jesus Christ (Verse 16)

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14)

Jesus stepped into our world, lived among us, and ultimately went to the cross for our sins.

"...declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead." (Romans 1:4)

Heaven itself witnessed His life, His suffering, and His victory.

Wherever the Gospel message reaches, people respond, lives are transformed, and sinners are saved. Every believer plays a part in this remarkable story.

Jesus Christ is not just part of the truth; He is the foundation of it.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11)

"...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." (Ephesians 2:20)

"...whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." (Matthew 7:24-25)

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer..." (Psalm 18:2)

"He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved." (Psalm 62:6)

III. The Truth Must Shape How We Live



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Truth is not just something we believe; it is something that is meant to change us. Doctrine is never meant to stay in our heads; it is meant to work its way into our hearts and out into our lives.

We ought to live in such a way that people can see Christ in us. Our lives should all point back to Him.

Our lives should be lived with an awareness that what we do matters in light of eternity.

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Colossians 3:2)

It is not enough to know the truth. You have to live it. It is not enough to sit in a church where truth is preached. You have to build your life on it.

The mystery of godliness is not just something to admire; it is something to live.

Conclusion: The message is simple. Truth does not change, and our lives must be built on it. In a world that constantly shifts, Jesus Christ remains the unshakable foundation. The question is not whether storms will come but what you are standing on when they do. Are you grounded in the truth or just around it? For believers, this is a call to stand firm and live out that truth. And for those who have never trusted Christ, this is an invitation to come to Him today.

