

## God's Purpose for His Church (1 Tim. 3:14-16)

### v. 15 – Purpose

- Paul's purpose for writing – \_\_\_\_\_ in the local assembly
- God's purpose for His church – to be the...
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - 2) Church of the \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - 3) Pillar and support of the \_\_\_\_\_ = body of Christian \_\_\_\_\_

### vv. 16 – The Mystery of Godliness

- Mystery = hidden in the past but now \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 16:25-26)
- The subject of the mystery = \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) Revealed in the flesh →
  - 2) Vindicated by the Spirit →
  - 3) Beheld by angels (Lk. 24:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:10-12)
  - 4) Proclaimed among the nations
  - 5) \_\_\_\_\_ on in the world
  - 6) Taken up in glory →

### *Take-Away*

#### How the Church Upholds the Truth

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth – we believe it and \_\_\_\_\_ it
  - *My application*
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ the truth – by making \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 28:19-20)
  - *My application:*
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ the truth – by our \_\_\_\_\_ and by our \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1 Tim. 2:1-7
  - Tit. 2:3-10
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ the truth – from \_\_\_\_\_

#### Upholding the Truth and the Mystery of Godliness

1. Both are centered in \_\_\_\_\_
2. The mystery of godliness – God with \_\_\_\_\_ on (Jn. 1:18; 14:8-9)
3. The mystery of \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Thess. 2:3-10)
  - Embodied in the \_\_\_\_\_ – Satan with \_\_\_\_\_ on
  - *My application:* test the \_\_\_\_\_