

1 Timothy 3:15-16 Sun School  
"Nature of Local Church" 10-30-2022

1. Introduction

- a. Children learn by sound at a young age (instruction, language)
  - sometimes visually
- b. Children learn to read & write in school
  - Bible is a written book
- c. Everyone learns the Bible by hearing preaching and/or reading Bible

2. What is necessary in Christian life

- a. Person must have Jesus
- b. Person must believe/trust Jesus
- c. Only source of truth about Jesus is the Bible
- d. Person needs to follow Bible commands to grow in Jesus
  - one of basic commands to meet with other Christians in church

3. Paul writes letter to young preacher

Timothy  
referred Timothy his true son in the faith

- \* 1 Tim 1:2 - Paul's spiritual son
  - \* Acts 16:1-3 Timothy converted in Derbe
- b. Context verses 14-16
- vs. 14 Paul hopes to come visit Timothy soon
  - vs. 15 but Paul wrote this letter in case he was delayed
  - \* Paul wants Timothy to know how to behave himself in the house of God
  - \* who is the house of God?
    - x 1 Pet 2:5 Christians are living stones built up as into a spiritual house
  - \* Christians are the house of God
  - \* Christians are the church of the living God

3 b (cont)

- Timothy needs to know how to behave among other Christians
- living God is the pillar & foundation ground of the truth

#### A. Mystery of Godliness

- a. No controversy on the mystery of Godliness
- b. God revealed in the flesh
  - Jesus born as a baby into the world
  - this was hidden from before
  - God became man (God the Son)
- c. Jesus justified in the Holy Spirit
  - Jesus ministry began when He was baptized by John the Baptist
  - \* God the Father spoke from heaven
  - \* Holy Spirit came down in form of dove sitting on Jesus
  - \* ~~God~~ Jesus declared holy for service
  - x Mt 3:15 to fulfill all righteousness
- d. Seen by angels (Lk 2:8-14)
  - At Jesus birth sang to the shepherds in the fields
- e. Preached among the Gentiles
  - Paul was Apostle to the Gentiles
  - \* Acts 9:15-16
  - Peter sent to home of Cornelius Roman centurion (army officer)
  - \* Acts 10:1-5, 19-20
  - \* Peter's witness Acts 10:34-43
  - \* Acts 11:18 Christian recognize that God gave Gentiles repentance to eternal life
- f. Believed on in the world
  - All Christians believe Jesus
- g. Received up into glory
  - Acts 1:9-11 Jesus rises off the ground going up into heaven
  - \* 2 angels testify that Jesus will return in same manner