

The Mark of the Church

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Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that,

1 Timothy 3:14

if I am delayed, 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.

1 Timothy 3:15

Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

1 Timothy 3:16

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

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The Context: Paul's Travels (3:14)

**The Command: Appropriate Christian
living as God's people (3:15)**

Conduct: Family members behave according to their Father's dignity.

Ownership: The Church
belongs to the Living God.

Purpose: The Church sustains
and highlights the truth.

Here then is the double responsibility of the church: First, as its foundation it is to *hold it firm*, so that it does not collapse under the weight of false teaching. Secondly, as its pillar it is to *hold it high*, so that it is not hidden from the world.


John Stott

To remind the church that it is a structure called to uphold the truth of Christianity is also to remind it that it is a household called to manifest that truth in its conduct and to conform to it.

George Knight



The Characteristics of God's People as His Church



**The Culmination: Jesus, Godliness
Embodied and Perfected (3:16)**




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Jesus Christ is the purest mystery of godliness — the hidden God revealed perfectly.

The first of the three couplets presents Christ's work accomplished, the second His Word made known, and the third His work acknowledged.

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1. The Revelation of Christ
 2. The Proclamation of Christ
 3. The Reception of Christ



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