



GODLINESS  
AND THE  
HOUSEHOLD  
OF GOD

## 1 Timothy 3:14-15a

“I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God...”

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Galatians 3:26-29

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“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:3-4

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- 2. The Church is the church of the Living God.**

“For to this end we toil and strive, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.”

1 Timothy 4:10

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“In our worship we bow down before the living God. Through the reading and exposition of the Word we hear his voice addressing us. We meet him at his table, when he makes himself known through the breaking of bread. In our fellowship we love each other as he has loved us. And our witness becomes bolder and more urgent. Indeed, unbelievers coming in may confess that ‘God is really among you.’”

- John Stott



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- 1. The Church is the household of God.**
- 2. The Church is the church of the Living God.**
- 3. The Church is a pillar and buttress of the truth.**

# The Mystery of the Church's Godliness

"Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:  
He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory"

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“...and (Jesus) was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness, by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord...”

Romans 1:4

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“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.”

1 Timothy 5:21

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“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 1:11-13



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3. Give yourself to the task of knowing the mystery

“When we hear this word, *mystery*, let us remember two things; first, that we learn to keep under our senses, and not flatter ourselves that we have sufficient knowledge and ability to comprehend so vast a matter. In the second place, let us learn to climb up beyond ourselves, and reverence the majesty which passeth understanding. We must not be sluggish or drowsy, but think upon this doctrine, and endeavor to be instructed therein. When we have acquired some little knowledge thereof, we should strive to profit thereby, all the days of our life.”

- John Calvin