

# 1 Timothy

## Fight the Good Fight

## Godliness in the House of God

### Introduction and Review (*Ephesians 6:19*)

### The Household of God (*1 Timothy 3:14-15*)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's House (*1 Timothy 3:14-15; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:22; Acts 17:24; Matthew 18:20; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20*)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's House (*1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 2:19-20*)

### The Mystery of Godliness (*1 Timothy 3:16*)

1. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Peter 4:1, 2:24*)

2. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (*Mark 14:61-62; John 14:6; Romans 8:11, 1:4*)

3. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

4. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (*Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:5*)

5. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (*John 20:4-5, 8, 18, 1:12; Acts 2:41, 47; Romans 3:22*)

6. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (*Acts 1:9; Romans 11:36*)

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### Discussion Questions (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

1. Why did Paul write this letter to Timothy? (*1 Timothy 3:14-15*) What or who is “the household of God”? (*Acts 17:24; Ephesians 2:22*) Why is it important that we “behave in the household of God”? (*1 Corinthians 6:18-20*)
2. Architecturally, what are the purposes of a “pillar” and a “buttress”? What does Paul mean when he describes “the church of the living God” as “a pillar and buttress of truth”? What is the church’s responsibility to the truth? (*1 Timothy 3:15*) What truth is Paul referring to? (*1 Timothy 3:16, Ephesians 2:19-20*)
3. In the New Testament, what is meant by the word “mystery”? What is “the mystery of godliness” (*1 Timothy 3:16, Ephesians 6:19; Colossians 4:3; 1 Timothy 3:9*) How does “the mystery of godliness” relate to Paul’s purpose for writing this letter (*1 Timothy 3:14-16*)
4. Paul describes the “mystery of godliness” with what is probably a six-line hymn summarizing what happened to Jesus Christ. With the help of the verses below, what event(s) does each line describe? (*1 Timothy 3:16*)
  - He was manifested in the flesh (*1 Peter 4:1, 2:24*)
  - vindicated by the Spirit (*Mark 14:61-62; John 14:6; Romans 1:4*)
  - seen by angels (or messengers)
  - proclaimed among the nations (*Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:5*)
  - believed on in the world (*John 20:4-5, 8, 18, 1:12; Acts 2:41, 47; Romans 3:22*)
  - taken up in glory (*Acts 1:9; Romans 11:36*)
5. Given that “the mystery of godliness” summarizes the truth that “the church of the living God” is to be a “pillar and buttress of”? How can you better uphold and support the truth of who Jesus is, what he did and how he provides “godliness” to all who trust in Him?