

We Are the Living Picture of God - 1 Timothy

We Are the Family of God—His Church - 1Tim. 3:14-16

Introduction:

Getting hold of a new way to live, to think about ourselves.

I. Get to know this new household/family He's made in you. vs. 15

Who we are and what He says about us: the living place for God

1Corinthians 3:16-17

1Corinthians 6:19

A. Church of the living God

gathered people of alive God versus detached individuals dead idols

2Corinthians 6:16

B. Pillar and foundation of truth

Active body life, gathering in worship, prayer, fellowship, service—we

the tangible picture of our God who appears abstract to the world

John 17:17-18

II. Your life and words create a confession of Christ vs. 16

A. Our godly life unpacks the mystery of God's nature

No one else can have this beautiful life, though wanted by everyone

Isaiah 55: Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters, without cost

B. A creedal hymn vs. 16 6 lines, 3 couplets, antithetic parallels

1. Jesus manifested/revealed in flesh Philippians 2

2. Jesus vindicated, proved correct by Spirit Rom. 1:4, Rom. 8:11

3. Jesus was seen by angels Luke 2, Luke 22, Revelation 5:12

4. Jesus proclaimed/preached among nations Matt. 28:18-20

5. Jesus believed on in the world Revelation 7:9-10

6. Jesus was taken up to glory Acts 1:9

Application:

What are ways that we will let this magnificent Christ fuel our lives, making a grand confession of Him? The only guarantee that Friendship Baptist Church perpetuates is whether we look like Jesus, to be attractive to this lost and dying Prince Wm. County—and the whole world!

1Timothy 3:14-16 ESV

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. ¹⁶Great 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.