

Message Notes

Pastor Steve Durand

Date: November 4, 2018

Bible Focus: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Current Series: Think Biblically

Message Title: Who, Not What

¹⁴ Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

*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.*

Who is the Church?

1. The _____

2. The _____

3. The _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Timothy 3:14-16

1. In what ways does the secular culture influence the church? In what ways does the church influence the secular culture?
2. Which of the reasons for why more people are trending away from the local church in America do you identify or empathize with the most? Which is most concerning to you?
3. Why should a church function the way Paul describes in these verses? Why can't a church decide on their own how they should function?
4. In what ways does the church function as a family?
5. What is the significance of being the church of the *living* God?
6. How does the church function as the pillar and foundation of the truth? Does this mean that the church is infallible? Why or why not?
7. Which of the three metaphors for the church that Paul uses is most meaningful to you? Why?
8. In what way did Jesus' life and His resurrection verify or vindicate that Jesus is God's Son?
9. Why do you think the way in which people conducted themselves as the church was of such concern for Paul? Is this still a matter of concern for the church today? Why or why not?