

1 Timothy

Lesson 6 — Paul's Thesis (3.14-16)

Here at the midway point in in the book, Paul makes clear his purpose for writing to Timothy. Paul's desire is for Timothy to know how to conduct oneself in the church of the living God. And, considering Timothy's work as an evangelist (1.3), the instruction is not only for Timothy, but also for his hearers. Paul ends this section by noting the truth that forms the foundation of the church and which the church is charged to uphold — the true identity and nature of Jesus.

- 1) By what relationship is the church described in 3.15?
A) _____
- 2) Elsewhere (Galatians 3), how does Paul describe the process of entering the family of God?
A) _____
- 3) Do elders and deacons serve only during church assemblies?
A) _____
- 4) How would you describe the work of the church from 1 Timothy 3.15?
A) _____
- 5) What does it mean that Jesus was "vindicated in/by the Spirit"?
A) _____

THOUGHT QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the connection between verses 15 and 16?
- 2) The Holy Spirit notes that the descriptions of Jesus in verse 16 are "by common confession". What does that mean for Christians today?
- 3) Paul's desire was to go to Timothy at Ephesus (3.14). Do you think he made it?