

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Timothy 3:14-16

No Guess Work

“The Church” was unlike anything before

- *The synagogue*
- *The pagan & heathen temples*
- *Any religious order*

Vs. 14-15

As Jews and Gentiles came to faith in Christ, so would their history

*Leaders needed to **KNOW** God’s standards to lead **to** Christ, **in** Christ and **as** Christ. (I John 4:17)*

*For themselves and God’s people **as God’s family.***

Everything we do bears His name

“Change your conduct or change your name.”

*“The church of the living God, **the pillar and foundation of the truth.**”*

- *The foundation supports **the base** of the structure*
- *The pillars support the **upper floors & roof** (covering)*

*Those parts **built on** the foundation are **seen first***

*Our conduct doesn’t look like **the world** around us*

*We, the church, live **FOR God**, to please Him...*

*Before, above **ANYONE** else.*

We behave like Jesus toward them (John 20:21)

I Peter 2:4-5 & 12 and 3:15

"You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but He was chosen by God for great honor.

And **you are living stones** that **God is building into His spiritual temple.**

What's more, you are His holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God."

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this with gentleness and respect"

Vs. 16

"Without question, this is **the great mystery of our faith:**"

Unknown and unknowable apart from God making it known (**John 6:44**)

Made known **to the church and by the church.**

"Christ was revealed **in a human body**"

He is **NOT** mythical!

He presents God's righteousness as fully human (**John 1:14 & 18**)

He identifies completely with us and calls us to follow His example.

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"and vindicated by the Spirit."

The Spirit bearing witness with demonstrations **ONLY God** can do.

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"He was seen by angels"

The proclamation **at His birth!**

.....
"and announced to the nations."

His title **on The Cross** in the 3 most prominent international languages

On Pentecost, heard **in every language** of the Roman world

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"He was believed in throughout the world"

Those who **returned home from Jerusalem**

Everywhere His disciples went people believed in Him

.....
"and taken to heaven in glory."

Acts 1:8, "After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud **while they were watching**, and they could no longer see him."

Acts 1:10-11, "As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? **Jesus** has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he **will return** from heaven **in the same way you saw him go!**"

I Thessalonians 4:16-18, "For **the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout**, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **Then** we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus **we shall always be with the Lord**. Therefore comfort one another with these words."