

## CHURCH #1

As the apostle Paul wrote to the young preacher named Timothy, one of the subjects he had much to say about was the church. In 1 Timothy 3:15 he said, “But in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.”

Let’s notice three important parts of this verse. First is our conduct in the church. When we become a Christian it should change the way we live. From that point on we should honor the authority of the Bible by always using it as our standard. God’s word alone should be our source of divine instruction for living in harmony with our Creator.

Secondly we’re told that the church of God is His household or family. So when we obey the gospel message of the New Testament and become a Christian we also become a child of God in His spiritual family, the church.

Finally, the Lord’s church is the pillar and support of the truth. That means that if a group of people claiming Christ are truly His, they will be regularly involved in studying, learning and practicing the truth of the Bible. They will be proclaiming that good news in their preaching and teaching and always be ready to share their faith with those wanting to know about the Lord and His church.