

The High Value of God's Church

1 Timothy 3:15

1 Timothy: Living Out Love in the Local Church, part 9

- The church is a lighthouse to those in darkness and is a “great house” with more nobility than the House of Representatives and more authority than the White House!

- **A definition of the local Church:** God's

(ecclesia; 115 times in the NT) of baptized believers in Christ who gather to worship and fellowship with the Triune God in obedience to the Great Commission and the partaking of God's _____ of baptism and the Lord's Supper until He comes.

- Here are three vital truths of the local church that lead us in how we must behave in His Church. The church is...

1. The FELLOWSHIP of His _____: “the House of God”

A. The church is God's house, and it is not a _____, or a denomination, a missionary agency, radio station, Bible college, hospital or para-church ministry!

B. Every house has a _____, _____, provider, and owner: God is all in all!

2. The PLACE of His _____: “the church of the living God”

A. The living God _____ in a special way with His people in the local church, Gen.28:16-17; Eph. 2:22.

B. You cannot replace the local church with TV or cyber church!

3. His **TEMPLE** of _____ :
“the pillar and ground of the truth”

“It is the business of the Church of God to maintain, to propagate, to uphold, to spread and to defend the truth as it is in Jesus, wherever that Church may be placed.” CH Spurgeon

- The church is not the truth, but we ...
 - A. _____ the truth with dignity: “A pillar ... of the truth”
 - B. _____ on the truth unmovably: “A ground ... of the truth”



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