

INTRODUCTION

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These things are the good news, the gospel, the message of forgiveness of sins for sinners; the message of salvation for the lost; the message of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Those who believe in Him according to this message, this "mystery of godliness," there are things the Lord Jesus orders that we be taught. In every congregation, the pastors are to teach the ways of living that go along with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. That is what the letter to Timothy is all about. The pastors of the congregation are to teach certain things, and observe or do certain things, these things that are in accord with the gospel or the mystery of godliness.

TEXT

1 Timothy 6:2b ...Teach and exhort these things.

BODY

- I. In The Congregation of the Living God, There Are Things the Pastors Are to Teach and Exhort
 - A. 1 Timothy 4:1-6 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, (2) speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, (3) forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. (4) For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; (5) for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. (6) If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.
 1. when people tell you to abstain from certain foods, you can be sure that what they are saying is a departure from the faith of Jesus Christ
 2. this is part of how you can know that the Roman Catholic system is antichrist: this week on Wednesday and on Friday, the pope tells people not to eat meat
 3. this is part of how you can know that those who obey the Old Covenant food laws are departing from the faith
 4. we instruct the brethren to eat whatever is sold in the market, and whatever is served to them, without raising question of conscience
 - B. 1 Timothy 4:7-11 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. (8) For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. (9) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. (10) For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. (11) These things command and teach.
 1. we know that when preachers deal in what is not holy, but merely common, and when they talk about things that are not known to be true, their doctrine is to be rejected
 2. we command and teach that Christians exercise themselves toward godliness, which is profitable both for this life, and for the life to come
 - C. 1 Timothy 5:1-16
 1. deal with each other in the church as members of a family
 2. take care of your own family, including any widows among your relatives
 3. if there are any widows indeed, virtuous and truly alone, take care of them as a church
 4. 1 Timothy 5:7 And these things command, that they may be blameless.
 - D. 1 Timothy 6:1-2 Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor.... Teach and exhort these things.
 - E. In the Bible, there are many other of "these things" that we have warrant to teach and exhort

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- II. In the Congregation of the Living God, There Are Things the Pastors Are to Observe or To Keep or To Do - 1 Timothy 5:17-25
- A. Pay the elders who labor in the word and doctrine
 - B. Do not receive an accusation against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses
 - C. Rebuke those elders who are sinning
 - D. Do not ordain new elders hastily, without due time to consider whether or not their doctrine and character are blameless
 - E. 1 Tim 5:21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

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- III. In the Congregation of the Living God, These Things We Teach and Observe By Warrant from the Scriptures
- A. A church pastor has no authority inherent in him
 - 1. he speaks and acts in the congregation only by warrant
 - 2. that warrant is exclusively the scriptures
 - B. 1 Timothy 3:14-15 These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; (15) but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
 - C. Note that although the whole Bible is the word of God, we are in need of the writings of our Lord's apostles to interpret and apply the scriptures for us
 - 1. the Old Testament scriptures
 - 2. even the gospels and the words of our Lord Jesus Christ

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IV. In The Congregation of the Living God, We Have No Warrant to Teach or Observe Things of Human Invention

A. "Set one Lord's Day per year apart from the others"

1. Reserve songs about the resurrection for one day per year
2. Give a special name to one day per year
 - a) do not call it "The Lord's Day"
 - b) call it "Easter Sunday"
3. Set out plastic eggs for children to find
4. Wear special new clothes

B. "Observe holy days from the Old Covenant"

1. in the days from Moses to Jesus Christ, the nation of Israel was commanded to observe certain holy days, such as Passover
2. but when Jesus Christ died on the cross, the Old Covenant ended, and the New Covenant was instituted
3. all ceremonies of the Old Covenant were fulfilled in Jesus Christ as to their meaning, and abrogated as to their observance
4. now, no one, whether Jew or Gentile, is obligated to observe those days as holy; nor should anyone be told that he should, not even that it would be better if he did

CONCLUSION

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Allison - Prelude

Allison - Trinity 683 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Rita - Trinity 6 "All Ye That Fear Jehovah's Name"

Rita - Trinity 198 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" - Andrew

Stephen - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Alex - Scripture Reading - 1 Samuel 12:20-24

Dillon - Congregational Prayer

Jeff - Benediction

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See how the apostle uses this language to refer to whatever he is then writing to us

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C. 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (13) Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. (14) Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. (15) Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. (16) Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

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III. By "These Things" Is Meant the Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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IV. By "These Things" Is Meant the Doctrine Which Accords with Godliness

- A. 1 Timothy 2:9-12 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, (10) but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. (11) Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. (12) And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

1. there are women who profess godliness; that is,
 - a) they say that they believe in Jesus Christ, that He came into the world to save sinners, even the chief sinners, by giving Himself a ransom
 - b) they say that they repent of sins, turning to God
 - c) to show these things, they have been baptized
 - d) on the Lord's Day, they assemble with the congregation
2. there is adornment that becomes or is proper for women professing godliness
 - a) not flashy hairdo, jewelry, and clothing
 - b) but modest apparel and good works
3. there is behavior that is becoming or proper for women professing godliness
 - a) not to teach or have authority over a man
 - b) but to learn in silence with all submission

- B. So, not for women only, but for all who profess godliness---who repent of their sins and worship God through faith in Jesus Christ---there is doctrine that goes with that godliness, that accords with godliness

1. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, (2) for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.
2. 1 Timothy 2:8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

3. 1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop must be blameless... 1 Timothy 3:8, 10b, 11 Likewise deacons...blameless...Likewise, their wives...faithful in all things
4. 1 Timothy 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;
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7. 1 Timothy 5:22-23 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure. (23) No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.
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C. Reminder what is meant by "godliness"

1. Greek word G2150 *eusebeia* - compound word
 - a) *eu* - good
 - b) *sebomai* - to worship
 - c) good worship; right worship
2. English word - godly, godliness
 - a) our word seems like it would mean he is "like God"
 - b) but for a person to be "godly" doesn't mean he is "like God," but that he is oriented toward God; his life is lived for God; he is attuned to God
 - c) godliness - devotion to God; obedience to God; right worship of God
3. 1828 Webster's dictionary - godliness
 - a) a careful observance of the laws of God and performance of religious duties, proceeding from love and reverence for the divine character and commands

- b) e.g. 1 Timothy 4
- 4. Summary: faith, piety, religious devotion; obedience to God; right worship of God
 - a) faith in God; love for God; devotion to God; obedience to God; right worship of God
 - b) faith in God through Jesus Christ, and all the love toward Him and obedience to Him that flows from that faith
 - c) repentance toward God, and all the expressions of gratitude toward Him that come from knowing He has forgiven all your sins
- 5. 1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

CONCLUSION

What you should expect from your experience

-when you gather with the congregation on the Lord's Day

-when you ask questions of the pastor or other members

-when you listen to anyone claiming Jesus Christ, whether teaching formally or speaking informally

teach

-see also 1 Timothy 4:13

-see also 1 Timothy 4:6

-see also 1 Timothy 4:11

exhort

-see also 1 Timothy 4:13

-see also 1 Timothy 5:1

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-see 1 Timothy 4:11

-see 1 Timothy 6:17

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-see 1 Timothy 5:20

-see Titus 2:15

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-see 2 Timothy 2:24-25

-see 2 Timothy 3:16

I. These Things

A. The words of our Lord Jesus Christ

B. The doctrine which accords with godliness

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