

# **Preaching and Practicing the Truth**

**Studies in 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, 1, 2 and 3 John**

## **Instructions for Conduct in the Church**

**1 Timothy 5**

**Lesson 5**

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# 1 Timothy 3:14-16

- ▶ Proper conduct in the Household of God
- ▶ The *Mystery of Godliness*
- ▶ Godly or Godliness x 18 in New Testament
  - “well devout” – “deeply devoted” to God in Christ
  - Emphasis of Paul and Peter at end of their ministries
  - 1 Timothy (9), 2 Timothy (2), Titus (2), 2 Peter (5)

# The Mystery of Godliness

## ▶ Jesus Christ

- Revealed in the flesh – the “Godly One”
- Vindicated in the Spirit – validated/confirmed
- Beheld by angels – witness His deity and holiness
- Proclaimed among the nations – salvation/sanctification
- Believed on in the world – Godliness received by faith
- Taken up into glory – received by God the Father

## ▶ Jesus Christ – devoted to God

# First Timothy at a Glance

<b>The Church of the Living God</b>				
<b>No other doctrine</b>	<b>Order in the church</b>	<b>Keep the faith</b>	<b>Pastoral duties</b>	<b>The man of God</b>
<b>1:1-20</b>	<b>2:1-3:16</b>	<b>4:1-16</b>	<b>5:1-25</b>	<b>6:1-21</b>
false doctrine Paul's example charge to Timothy	authorities women leaders	warning duty to instruct personal duty	discipline care for widows care for elders	bondservants contentment pursue godliness

# Timothy's Charge

- ▶ No strange doctrine!
- ▶ Fight the good fight!

# Conduct in the Church

## 1 Timothy 5-6

- ▶ 5:1-8 General conduct – emphasis on widows
- ▶ 5:9-16 Instructions for widows
- ▶ 5:17-20 Instructions about elders
- ▶ 5:21-25 Special instructions for Timothy
- ▶ 6:1-2 Instructions for slaves
- ▶ 6:3-21 Fight the good fight of faith!

# A Challenging Text

- ▶ Focus on widows
- ▶ Widows indeed
- ▶ Younger widows
- ▶ The list
- ▶ Elders, good and bad
- ▶ Paul's medical advice to Timothy

# The Household of God (5:1-8)

- ▶ Insuring salvation (4:16)
- ▶ Older men – fathers
- ▶ Younger men – brothers
- ▶ Older women – mothers
- ▶ Younger women – sisters – in all purity
- ▶ Widows indeed – really, actually, certainly
  - Left alone
  - Honor them



# Widows in Scripture

## God's care

- Ps 68:5; 146:9; Ex 22:22-24; Deut 10:17-18; Prov 15:25

## Tithe and forgotten sheath

- Deu 14:29; 24:19-21; 26:12-13

## Duty to widows

- Isa 1:17; Jer 7:6; 22:3-4

## Warning for mistreatment of widows

- Ex 22:22-24; Deu 24:17; 27:19; Zech 7:10; Job 24:3, 21; 31:16  
Ps 94:6; Mal 3:5; Luke 20:47

## Care for widows by the Church

- Acts 6:1-6; James 1:27

# The Widow's Lot

- ▶ Family piety (godliness)
- ▶ Widow piety
  - Ecclesiastes 7:13 – Purpose of God – godliness
  - Left alone – so fixes her hope on God
  - Entreaties and prayers night and day
  - No hope in God leads to “wanton pleasure”
- ▶ Command and teach these things
  - For the widow
  - For the families of widows

# A Widow on the List (5:9-16)

- ▶ Support or ministry?
- ▶ Requirements
  - Over 60 years old
  - Wife of one man
  - A record of ministry – reputation for good works
  - Brought up children
  - Hospitality to strangers
  - Washed saints' feet – minister to saints
  - Assisted those in distress
  - Devoted to every good work

# Younger Widows Disqualified

- ▶ Sensual desire in disregard of Christ
- ▶ Desire marriage
- ▶ Set aside previous faith
- ▶ Idle, gossips busybodies, improper talk
- ▶ Pauls' solution:
  - marry; raise children; keep house
  - 1 Timothy 2:15
- ▶ A call to assist widows

# Good and Bad Elders (5:17-20)

- ▶ Double honor
  - Rule well
  - Diligence in preaching and teaching
- ▶ Financial support – Deut 25:4; Luke 10:7
- ▶ Protect from false accusations
- ▶ Public rebuke for sin – James 3:1

# **A Solemn Charge (5:21-25)**

- ▶ In presence of God, Jesus Christ, angels
- ▶ Be impartial
- ▶ Careful ordination
- ▶ Wine for stomach and frequent ailments

# Conduct in the Household of God

- ▶ In the world, not of the world - John 17:16-18
- ▶ Mystery of godliness
- ▶ Opposition to godliness
  - False teachers
  - Life experiences
- ▶ Psalm 62:5 – “my expectation is from God”