**I Timothy Chapter 3, Part 10**

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4. The Place of Deacons in the Church (3:8-13)

**5. The Place of Christ in the Church (3:14-16)**

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**PREMISE: The NT assembly has sole purpose to exalt the Person and Work of Christ**

Nature of *ekklesia* (115x) > secular (Acts 19:32, 39, 41), religious (Acts 7:38), Christian (Mt. 16:18, *et al*)

Names for *ekklesia*: Temple (I Cor. 3:), Body of Christ (I Cor. 12:27), House (Phile. 1:2), candlestick (Rev. 1:20) > not universal and invisible = KOG!

**I. The Purpose of the Church (vv. 14-15)**

A. The **Authority** of the Church (v. 14) > **Bible**

1. The Spoken Word of God (Mt. 28:19-20 > Acts 18:8-11, 18): evangelize, baptize, catechize

2. The Written Word of God (Eph. 1:1; I Tim. 1:1, etc.)

B. The **Action** of the Church (v. 15a) > **Behaviour**

1. The Administration of the Church > preaching/teaching doctrine, church discipline, prayer

2. The Organization of the Church > men, women, bishops, deacons, widows

C. The **Attributes** of the Church (v. 15b) > **Blessings**

1. It is a Divine Institution > *“Living God”* (I Tim. 4:10; 6:17 [30x]), not dead Diana (Acts 19:35)

2. It is a Truth Institution > it is institution and support of *“truth”* (110x), not Temple of Diana (Acts 19:27)

**II. The Person of Christ (v. 16)**

A. The **Mystery** > How is the *“Unknown God”* related to His Creation? > Acts 17:23 ff.

(Theism, Deism, Pantheism, Polytheism, Panentheism, Finite Godism, Atheism)

B. The **Manifestation** > The Lord Jesus Christ became Incarnate God through Virgin Birth (Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:23) > *NIV* “he appeared”??? Nevertheless, Jesus is God:

1. Jn. 1:1; 1:18

2. Rom. 9:5

3. Tit. 2:13

4. II Pet. 1:1-2

5. I Jn. 5:7, 20

C. The **Man**

1. Justified in the Spirit > Mt. 3:16-17

2. Seen of Angels > Mt. 4:11; Lk. 2:13

3. Preached unto the Gentiles > Rom. 16:26

4. Believed on in the world > II Thes. 1:10

5. Received up into Glory > Lk. 24:51; Acts 1:9

**CONCLUSION: If churches do not exalt the Person and Work of Christ they cease to be a candlestick!**