

How to Confront the False Teachers / Teaching

Timothy 3:1-16 / March 19, 2022

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: ...

Elders Feed Themselves

- Pay careful attention to yourselves and

Elders Feed the Sheep

- to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers,
- to care for the church of God,
- which he obtained with his own blood.

Elders Protect the Sheep from the Wolves

- I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;
- and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.
- Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. (Acts 20:17-35, ESV)

1. Overseers: Protecting the Flock from False Teachers 3:1-7

The saying is trustworthy:

Motivation	If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer
Reputation	must be above reproach,
Fidelity	(must be) the husband of one wife,
Self-Control	(must be) sober-minded, (must be) self-controlled, (must be) respectable,
Hospitality	(must be) hospitable,
Instruction	(must be) able to teach,
Moderation	(must be) not a drunkard,
Temperament	(must be) not violent but gentle, (must be) not quarrelsome,
Contentment	(must be) not a lover of money.
Management	He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?
Maturity	He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.
Respectability	Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Servants: Helping the Elders Protect the Flock 3:8-13

Deacons likewise

Behavior	must be dignified,
Speech	not double-tongued,
Moderation	not addicted to much wine,
Contentment	not greedy for dishonest gain.
Conviction	They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.
Approval	And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.

(Their) wives likewise

(women: NIV, NAS, ASV, CSB, CEB, CEV, NCV, NRSV)

Behavior	must be dignified,
Speech	not slanderers,
Moderation	but sober-minded,
Faithfulness	faithful in all things.

Let deacons each be

Fidelity	the husband of one wife,
Management	managing their children and their own

For those who serve well as deacons

Results	gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.
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2. Church: Led by the Shepherds/Servants to Obey Jesus 3:14-15

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know **how one ought to behave**

- in the household of God, which is the church of the living God,

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (I Peter 2:4-5, ESV)

- a pillar and

Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. **The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God.** Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' (Revelation 3:10-13, ESV)

- buttress of the truth.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure,

being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22, ESV)

3. Jesus Christ: The Revelation of the True Gospel 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

Subject	Verb—Passive Voice	Prepositional Phrase	Object of PP
1. He (Jesus)	was manifested	in the	flesh,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genealogies: and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. (Matthew 1:17) • Birth: She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). (Matthew 1:21-24, ESV) • Crucifixion: Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" (Luke 23:46-47, ESV) • Witness: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14, ESV) 			
2. (Jesus)	(was) vindicated	by the	Spirit,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth: Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18, ESV) • Baptism: And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17, ESV) • Temptations: Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1, ESV) • Preaching: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. (Luke 4:18, ESV) • Crucifixion: But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:26, ESV) • Resurrection: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 21:21-22, ESV) 			
3. (Jesus)	(was) seen	by	angels,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. (Luke 1:26-27, ESV) • Temptations: Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. (Matthew 4:11, ESV) • Garden: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." 43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. (Luke 22:41-43) • Resurrection: And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. (Matthew 28:2-3, ESV) • Ascension: And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:10,11, ESV) 			
4. (Jesus)	(was) proclaimed	among the	nations,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:8-9, ESV) • Jews: But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. (Acts 2:14, ESV) • Samaritans: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. (Acts 8:5, ESV) • Africans: And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:34-35, ESV) 			

- **Gentiles:** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:2-3, ESV)

5. (Jesus) (was) believed on in the world,

- **Mandate:** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV)
- **Jews:** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (Acts 2:38,41, ESV)
- **Samaritans:** But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. (Acts 8:12, ESV)
- **Africans:** And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. (Acts 8:38, ESV)
- **Bereans:** Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. (Acts 17:12, ESV)

6. (Jesus) (was) taken up in glory.

- **Return:** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. (Matthew 25:31, ESV)
- **Shepherds:** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. (Luke 2:9, ESV)
- **1st Miracle:** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. (John 2:11, ESV)
- **Lazarus:** But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:4, ESV)
- **Transfiguration:** And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. (Luke 9:30,31, ESV)
- **Crucifixion:** When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. (John 17:1-5, ESV)

Incarnation	He was manifested in the flesh,	Revelation of Jesus
Resurrection	vindicated by the Spirit,	
Ascension	seen by angels,	Witness of Jesus
Jews	proclaimed among the nations,	
Gentiles	believed on in the world,	Reception of Jesus
Return	taken up in glory.	

