*Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy: Sermon 17*

**Our Common Confession**

*1 Timothy 3:14-16*

*Related Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 1:12; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:22; Hebrews 10:24-25; John 17:17; Romans 1:4; Luke 2:13-14; Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:43; Luke 24:4;*

 *Acts 1:10; John 1:10-13; John 17:24*

Opening Thoughts:

I. **What should we believe about Christ’s Church? (Vs. 15)**

 1. Christ’s church is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Christ’s church is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. Christ’s church is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

II. **What should we believe about Jesus?** **(Vs. 16)**

 1. Jesus’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reveal Him to be the Savior

 2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ reveal Him to be the Savior

 3. The way Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reveals Him to be the Savior

* **Points to Ponder**
1. Consider how Christ’s church is described as the household of God. Why is it significant that the gathering of Christ’s church is considered a family? Do you treat Christ’s church as a family? How can we, as Christ’s church, do a better job of treating each other as a family? What gets in the way of making the church our family?
2. Consider how when Paul describes the mystery of godliness he uses the personal pronoun “he” referring to Jesus. Godliness is summed up in 1 word- Jesus! When you think of the Gospel do you think of Jesus? Do you love the Gospel? Does what you believe about Jesus show in how you speak of Him?