

## **What is the Church?**

First Timothy 3:14-4:5

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Deuteronomy 9:10, Joshua 8:35

Acts 19:30,32,41

### **1. To be in God's household means gathering as a family**

- Ephesians 2:19-22
- The church isn't primarily a place you go to, it's a gathering of people you belong to
- The church is the body of Christ, the local assembly of Christians committed to Christ and each other

### **2. To be in God's household means living as a family**

- A family where God is the Father
- Romans 8:15-17a
- A family where we are brothers and sisters
- Romans 16:1,23
- A family where we look out for each other
- Galatians 6:10

### **3. To be in God's household means protecting and promoting God's truth**

- We agree together on what God has declared truth
- The church has always been counter cultural, but we are seeing how much our confession of faith runs contrary to society's confession of faith
- Jesus was the God/Man miraculously conceived, who lived a perfect (sinless) life
- Jesus was crucified on the cross, His death paying the price for our sin
- Jesus was buried in a tomb and rose from the dead
- Jesus ascended back to His Father to open the way for us to be with the Father
- All who in faith turn from their sins, to Christ, trusting in His finished work, will be saved