

# Church Excellance

*1 Timothy 3.14-16*

*delayed – what a blessing! vs14-15*

## 1. The Purpose of Paul's Letter, v15

➤ *how to be church*

## 2. The Nature of the Church, v15

➤ *God's Household*

*his home - where he lives*

*Ex 25.8; Eph 2.22;*

*2 Cor 6.16; 1 Cor 6.19*

*characterised by his*

*presence*

*Mat 18.20; 1 Cor 14.24-25*

*his family – whom he loves*

*brothers and sisters,*

*mothers and fathers 5.1-2*

➤ *a Dynamic Community*

*of the Living God 1 Thess 1.9*

*a movement, not a monument*

➤ **Support Structure for God's Truth**

*a pillar – upholding it*

*a foundation – undergirding it*

*Eph 2.20; Jude 3-4*

### **3. The Greatness of our God, v16**

**Jesus – God's greatest revelation!**

*none greater Acts 19.28,34*

*a great hymn of praise*

⇒ **God in human flesh**

⇒ **proved right by God's Spirit**

*at baptism Lk 3.21-22*

*through ministry Lk 4.16-21;*

*Acts 2.22; 10.37-38*

*through resurrection Rom 1.4*

*through Spirit gift Acts 1.4-5; 2.33*

⇒ **welcomed home by angels Ps 24.7**

⇒ **preached among nations**

⇒ **trusted by believers worldwide**

⇒ **received in future glory 2 Thess 1.10**