

Real Church

IV: A Real Church focuses on _____: v3

In the first 2 verses Paul identifies what a preacher is supposed to do, which is encourage his flock in the faith, to affirm the truth, and to aspire towards godliness. And in v3, Paul tells Titus about the tools that God uses to set things in order and to accomplish this task.

The first tool Paul mentions is ...

A. God's _____

The second tool is ...

B. _____

While music and other elements of a church's worship service are important, it is preaching that manifests God's Word.

For 2021 and beyond, so long as we maintain and hold to these simple Biblical truths as to what a real church is, we can expect God to continue to labour together with us in work He has called us to do at Victory Baptist Church



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Titus 1:1-3

Welcome to 2021! Sadly, many in our day are confused about Christianity and Christ's church. Many have the wrong impression about church. Many see church as simply a social gathering on Sunday. But is this God's intention for the Church? The goal, through our 2021, to clear up any confusion. Our theme for 2021 focuses on the simplicity and transparency of Christ's church.

This morning we begin by looking at the topic of the church. Paul left Titus in Crete to *set in order the things that are wanting* and in verse 15, Paul reminds Titus that *unto the pure all things are pure*. Whatever the church engages in, whether it be soulwinning, Sunday School, music, etc... God's purity ought to be considered. This morning, we going to examine 4 elements which reflect the purity of the early New Testament Church.

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I: A Real Church as the Right _____: v1 & v3

While many churches attempt to lay claim as being a real church we must compare their claims and their doctrines, and their beliefs and methodology to the simple Word of God.

The right foundation for a real church begins with ...

A. the _____: Eph. 2:19-20

As the apostles followed Jesus, He gave to them doctrines and methodology for His church.

The right foundation for a real church is built upon...

B. the _____

The prophets give to us not only the Law but a history of God's dealings with man and Israel

The right foundation has Jesus as ...

C. the _____

All that the apostles and prophets give to us in the Word of God comes from the Godhead with Jesus Christ being the Chief Corner Stone of the church.

II: A Real Church _____ the truth: v1

Titus was to set in order the things that were wanting in the churches at Crete. A real church always acknowledges and lives by the truth of God's Word.

A. _____ means *recognize with full discernment*

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B. _____ gives the sense of *with a view towards*

And a real church doesn't teach that godliness comes by something that we do for God but rather it teaches that godliness comes by way of what Jesus has done for us.

III: A Real Church offers _____ of Eternal Life: v2

There are several false and incredibly damaging teachings that do lie to us when it comes to eternal life.

The first lie is that the confidence of eternal comes by...

A. your _____ or _____: Romans 3:28

The second lie is that you cannot be ...

B. _____ that you have eternal life:
1 John 5:11-13

A third lie is ...

C. _____: Luke 13:3

A real church preaches and teaches the real Gospel which offers the only thing we can have 100% confidence in regarding eternal life.
