

第五篇

维持召会是真理的柱石和根基，
也是神团体地显现于肉体这真理，
并给这真理作见证

诗歌：775

读经：提前三 15 ~ 16，二 4，提后二 15，约十八 37

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一 主要祂的召会认识祂乃是真理，好见证祂是真理—约十四 6，十八 37，约壹一 6，五 20。

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约壹 1:6 我们若说我们与神有交通，却在黑暗里行，就是说谎话，不行真理了；

约壹 5:20 我们也晓得神的儿子已经来到，且将悟性赐给我们，使我们可以认识那位真实的；我们也在祂真实的里面，就是

Message Five

**Upholding the Truth and Testifying to the Truth
That the Church Is the Pillar and Base of the Truth
and the Corporate Manifestation of God in the Flesh**

Hymn: 976

Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 3:15-16; 2:4; 2 Tim. 2:15; John 18:37

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John 18:37 Pilate said therefore to Him, So then You are a king? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I would testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

I. The church is the supporting pillar and holding base of the truth— 1 Tim. 3:15:

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A. The Lord wants His church to know Him as the truth in order to testify concerning Him as the truth—John 14:6; 18:37; 1 John 1:6; 5:20.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

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1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true

在祂儿子耶稣基督里面。这是真神，也是永远的生命。

God and eternal life.

二 提前三章十五节的真理，指神话语所启示一切真实的事物，主要的是作神具体化身的基督，以及作基督身体的召会—二4，西二9，19。

B. Truth in 1 Timothy 3:15 refers to the real things revealed in God's Word, which are mainly Christ as the embodiment of God and the church as the Body of Christ—2:4; Col. 2:9, 19.

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西 2:9 因为神格一切的丰满，都有形有体地居住在基督里面，

Col. 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

西 2:19 …持定元首；本于祂，全身借着节和筋，得了丰富的供应，并结合一起，就以神的生长而长大。

Col. 2:19 And...holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

三 真理就是三一神，以基督为具体化身、中心和彰显，以产生召会作基督的身体、神的家、和神的国—9节，弗一22~23，四16，提前三15，约三3，5。

C. The truth is the Triune God, having Christ as the embodiment, center, and expression to produce the church as the Body of Christ, the house of God, and the kingdom of God—v. 9; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:16; 1 Tim. 3:15; John 3:3, 5.

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弗 1:22 将万有服在祂的脚下，并使祂向着召会作万有的头；

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

弗 1:23 召会是祂的身体，是那在万有中充满万有者的丰满。

Eph. 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

弗 4:16 本于祂，全身借着每一丰富供应的节，并借着每一部分依其度量而有的功用，得以联络在一起，并结合在一起，便叫身体渐渐长大，以致在爱里把自己建造起来。

Eph. 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

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John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

约 3:5 耶稣回答说，我实实在在地告诉你，人若不是从水和灵生的，就不能进神的国。

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

四 召会支持基督这实际；召会向全宇宙见证基督（并且唯有基督）是实际—一14，17，十四6。

D. The church bears Christ as the reality; the church testifies to the whole universe that Christ, and Christ alone, is the reality—1:14, 17; 14:6.

约 1:14 话成了肉体，支搭帐幕在我们中间，丰丰满满地有恩典，有实际。我们也见过祂的荣耀，正是从父而来独生子的荣耀。

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

约 1:17 因为律法是借着摩西赐的，恩典和实际都是借着耶稣基督来的。

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

约 14:6 耶稣说，我就是道路、实际、生命；若不借着我，没有人能到父那里去。

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五 召会是支持真理的柱石，和托住柱石的根基，见证基督是神的奥秘，召会是基督的奥秘这个实际（真理）—西二2，弗三4。

E. As the pillar that bears the truth and the base that upholds the pillar, the church testifies the reality, the truth, of Christ as the mystery of God and the church as the mystery of Christ—Col. 2:2; Eph. 3:4.

西 2:2 要叫他们的心得安慰，在爱里结合一起，以致丰丰富富地在悟性上有充分的确信，能以完全认识神的奥秘，就是基督；

Col. 2:2 That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

弗 3:4 你们念了, 就能借此明了我对基督的奥秘所有的领悟,

六 我们建造怎样的召会, 在于我们教导怎样的真理; 因此, 迫切需要活的真理来产生召会, 帮助召会存在, 并且建造召会—提前 3:15。

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七 我们所必须应付的最大需要, 乃是带领圣徒进入真理; 众圣徒都应当在神圣的启示上受训练—二 4。

提前 2:4 祂愿意万人得救, 并且完全认识真理;

贰 众圣徒都需要维持真理—三 9, 15, 提后二 15:

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一 支持真理的柱石和托住真理的根基, 乃是召会全体, 包括众圣徒; 召会的每个肢体都是维持真理之柱石和根基的一部分—提前 3:15。

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二 召会是真理的柱石和根基, 含示召会的每个肢体都应该认识真理; 因此, 我们该定意要学习真理—二 4:

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1 召会, 包括每一个信徒, 必须维持真理—三 9。

提前 3:9 用清洁的良心持守信仰的奥秘。

2 召会要刚强, 每个弟兄姊妹就必须学习真理, 经历真理, 并能讲说真理, 借此维持真理—二 4。

提前 2:4 祂愿意万人得救, 并且完全认识真理;

3 我们若在日常的召会生活里实行真理, 就能在维持真理上背负一些责任—约贰 4, 约叁 3~4, 8。

Eph. 3:4 By which, in reading it, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ,

F. The kind of church that we build up depends on the kind of truth that we teach; thus, there is the desperate need of the living truth to produce the church, to help the church to exist, and to build up the church—1 Tim. 3:15.

1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

G. The greatest need that we must meet is to bring the saints into the truth; all the saints should be trained in the divine revelation—2:4.

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II. All the saints need to uphold the truth—3:9, 15; 2 Tim. 2:15:

1 Tim. 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

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A. The supporting pillar and holding base of the truth are the entire church, including all the saints; every member of the church is part of the pillar and base that uphold the truth—1 Tim. 3:15.

1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

B. The church being the pillar and base of the truth implies that every member of the church should know the truth; thus, we should make a decision to learn the truth—2:4:

1 Tim. 2:4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

1. The church, including every believer, must uphold the truth—3:9.

1 Tim. 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

2. In order for the church to be strong, every brother and sister must uphold the truth by learning the truth, experiencing the truth, and being able to speak the truth—2:4.

1 Tim. 2:4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

3. If we practice the truth in the daily church life, we will be able to bear some responsibility in upholding the truth—2 John 4; 3 John 3-4, 8.

- 约贰 4 我看到你的儿女，有照着我们从父所受的诫命，在真理中行事为人的，就大大欢乐。
- 约叁 3 有弟兄来见证你持守真理，就是你在真理中行事为人，我就大大欢乐。
- 约叁 4 我听见我的儿女们在真理中行事为人，我的喜乐就没有比这个更大的。
- 约叁 8 所以我们应该款待、供应这样的人，使我们能成为在真理上的同工。

- 2 John 4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father.
- 3 John 3 For I rejoiced greatly at the brothers' coming and testifying to your steadfastness in the truth, even as you walk in truth.
- 3 John 4 I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear that my children are walking in the truth.
- 3 John 8 We therefore ought to support such ones that we may become fellow workers in the truth.

叁 我们需要维持召会是真理的柱石和根基，也是神团体地显现于肉体这真理，并给这真理作见证—提前三 15 ~ 16:

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III. We need to uphold the truth and testify to the truth that the church is the corporate manifestation of God in the flesh—1 Tim. 3:15-16:

- 1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
- 1 Tim. 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

一 神的显现首先是在基督里，那是在肉体里个别的彰显—16 节，西二 9，约一 1，14:

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- 约 1:1 太初有话，话与神同在，话就是神。
- 约 1:14 话成了肉体，支搭帐幕在我们中间，丰丰满满地有恩典，有实际。我们也见过祂的荣耀，正是从父而来独生子的荣耀。

A. God's manifestation was first in Christ as an individual expression in the flesh—v. 16; Col. 2:9; John 1:1, 14:

- 1 Tim. 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.
- Col. 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

1 新约不是说，神的儿子成为肉体，乃是启示，神显现于肉体—提前三 15 ~ 16:

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1. The New Testament does not say that the Son of God was incarnated; it reveals that God was manifested in the flesh—1 Tim. 3:15-16:

- 1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
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- a 显现于肉体的神，不仅是子，乃是整个的神—父、子、灵。
- b 整个神，不仅是子神，成为肉体；因此，基督成为肉体就是整个神显现于肉体：

- a. God was manifested in the flesh not only as the Son but as the entire God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.
- b. The entire God and not only God the Son was incarnated; hence, Christ in His incarnation was the entire God manifested in the flesh:

(-) 在基督成为肉体时期的职事里，祂把无限的神带

(1) In His ministry in the stage of incarnation, Christ brought the infinite

到有限的人里面；在基督里无限的神与有限的人成为一—约八 58，七 6，十二 24。

约 8:58 耶稣对他们说，我实实在在地告诉你们，还没有亚伯拉罕，我就是。

约 7:6 耶稣就对他们说，我的时候还没有到，你们的时候却常是方便的。

约 12:24 我实实在在地告诉你们，一粒麦子不落在地里死了，仍旧是一粒；若是死了，就结出许多子粒来。

(二) 借着成为肉体，神圣的合并—神在祂的神圣三一里互相内在成为一而一同作工—被带到人性里；所以基督是三一神与三部分人的合并—十四 10 ~ 11。

约 14:10 我在父里面，父在我里面，你不信么？我对你们所说的话，不是我从自己说的，乃是住在我里面的父作祂自己的事。

约 14:11 你们当信我，我在父里面，父在我里面；即或不然，也当因我所作的事而信。

2 神格一切的丰满，都有形有体地居住在基督里面—西二 9：

西 2:9 因为神格一切的丰满，都有形有体地居住在基督里面，

a “神格一切的丰满”一辞乃指整个的神格，完整的神。

b 神格既包含父、子、灵，神格的丰满就必是父、子、灵的丰满。

c 神格一切的丰满，有形有体地居住在基督里面，意思是说，三一神具体化身在祂里面—约十四 10。

约 14:10 我在父里面，父在我里面，你不信么？我对你们所说的话，不是我从自己说的，乃是住在我里面的父作祂自己的事。

d 基督是神格丰满的具体化身，祂不仅是神的儿子，也是整个的神。

二 提前三章十五至十六节指明，不仅作头的基督自己是神显现于肉体，连作基督身体和神的家的召会也是神显现于肉体—敬虔的奥秘：

God into the finite man; in Christ the infinite God and the finite man became one—John 8:58; 7:6; 12:24.

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

John 7:6 Jesus therefore said to them, My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

(2) Through incarnation the divine incorporation—God in His Divine Trinity coinhering mutually and working together as one—was brought into humanity; Christ is therefore the incorporation of the Triune God with the tripartite man—14:10-11.

John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

John 14:11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe because of the works themselves.

2. In Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily—Col. 2:9:

Col. 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

a. All the fullness of the Godhead refers to the entire Godhead, to the complete God.

b. Since the Godhead comprises the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, the fullness of the Godhead must be the fullness of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

c. That all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ bodily means that the Triune God is embodied in Him—John 14:10.

John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

d. As the embodiment of the fullness of the Godhead, Christ is not only the Son of God but also the entire God.

B. First Timothy 3:15-16 indicates that not only Christ Himself as the Head is the manifestation of God in the flesh but also that the church as the Body of Christ and the house of God is the manifestation of God in the flesh—the mystery of godliness:

提前 3:15 倘若我耽延，你也可以知道在神的家中当怎样行；这家就是活神的召会，真理的柱石和根基。

提前 3:16 并且，大哉！敬虔的奥秘！这是众所公认的，就是：祂显现于肉体，被称义于灵里，被天使看见，被传于万邦，被信仰于世人中，被接去于荣耀里。

1 十六节的“敬虔”，不仅是指虔诚，乃是指神活在召会中，就是那是生命的神在召会中活了出来，得着了彰显：

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a 基督和召会，二者都是敬虔的奥秘，在肉体里彰显神。

b 召会生活乃是神的显出；因此，敬虔的奥秘就是正当召会的生活—林前一 6，十四 24 ~ 25。

林前一 6 正如我们为基督所作的见证，在你们里面得以坚固，

林前 14:24 但若众人都申言，有不信的，或是不通方言的人进来，他就被众人劝服，被众人审明了；

林前 14:25 他心里的隐情显露出来，就必面伏于地敬拜神，宣告说，神真是在你们中间了。

2 神显现于召会—神的家和基督的身体—就是祂在肉体里扩大的团体彰显—弗二 19，一 22 ~ 23：

弗 2:19 这样，你们不再是外人和寄居的，乃是圣徒同国之民，是神家里的亲人，

弗 1:22 将万有服在祂的脚下，并使祂向着召会作万有的头；

弗 1:23 召会是祂的身体，是那在万有中充满万有者的丰满。

a 神显现于肉体，开始于基督在地上的时候—约十四 9。

约 14:9 耶稣对他说，腓力，我与你们同在这样长久，你还不认识我么？人看见了我，就是看见了父；你怎么说，将父显给我们看？

b 神显现于肉体，在召会中延续；召会是神显现于肉体的扩增、扩大和繁殖—提前三 15 ~ 16。

提前 3:15 倘若我耽延，你也可以知道在神的家中当怎样行；这家就是活神的召会，真理的柱石和根基。

提前 3:16 并且，大哉！敬虔的奥秘！这是众所公认的，就是：祂显

1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

1 Tim. 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

1. Godliness in verse 16 refers not only to piety but to the living of God in the church, that is, God as life lived out in the church to be expressed:

1 Tim. 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

a. Both Christ and the church are the mystery of godliness, expressing God in the flesh.

b. The church life is the expression of God; therefore, the mystery of godliness is the living of a proper church—1 Cor. 1:6; 14:24-25.

1 Cor. 1:6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,

1 Cor. 14:24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;

1 Cor. 14:25 The secrets of his heart become manifest; and so falling on his face, he will worship God, declaring that indeed God is among you.

2. God is manifested in the church—the house of God and the Body of Christ—as the enlarged corporate expression in the flesh—Eph. 2:19; 1:22-23:

Eph. 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

a. The manifestation of God in the flesh began with Christ when He was on earth—John 14:9.

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how is it that you say, Show us the Father?

b. The manifestation of God in the flesh continues with the church, which is the increase, enlargement, and multiplication of the manifestation of God in the flesh—1 Tim. 3:15-16.

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现于肉体，被称义于灵里，被天使看见，被传于万邦，被信仰于世人中，被接去于荣耀里。

c 这样的召会就成为基督是神显现于肉体的延续—基督从召会活出，成为神的显现。

3 敬虔的极大奥秘乃是神成为人，使人在生命和性情上，但不在神格上，成为神，以产生一个团体的神人，使神显现于肉体—罗八 3，一 3 ~ 4，弗四 24。

罗 8:3 律法因肉体而软弱，有所不能的，神，既在罪之肉体的样式里，并为着罪，差来了自己的儿子，就在肉体中定罪了罪，

罗 1:3 论到祂的儿子，我们的主耶稣基督：按肉体说，是从大卫后裔生的，

罗 1:4 按圣别的灵说，是从死人的复活，以大能标出为神的儿子；

弗 4:24 并且穿上了新人，这新人是照着神，在那实际的义和圣中所创造的。

Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

c. Such a church becomes the continuation of Christ's manifestation of God in the flesh—Christ lived out of the church as the manifestation of God.

3. The great mystery of godliness is that God has become man so that man may become God in life and nature but not in the Godhead to produce a corporate God-man for the manifestation of God in the flesh—Rom. 8:3; 1:3-4; Eph. 4:24.

Rom. 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

Rom. 1:3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,

Rom. 1:4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;

Eph. 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.