

# THE GOSPEL THROUGH ME

## I Timothy 3:14-16

“Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:” (I Timothy 3:16a)

# Why is The Church Important To YOU?

- The “man on the street” may say:
  - Not important at all.
  - Important to observe nice, quaint people who are fighting to preserve something from the past but are out of touch with our modern world.
  - A powerful political voting block to vote against immorality.
  - A great social institution to serve people in times of sickness, death, marriages, and times of crisis.
  - An institution that meets personal needs – makes me feel good and gives me a boost for the week.

# The Christ Incarnate (In the Flesh)

## I Timothy 3:16

- God was manifested (appeared) in the flesh. (John 1:14)
- Vindicated by the Spirit (II Corinthians 5:21)
- Seen by angels (Matthew 1; Luke 2)
- Proclaimed among the nations Acts 1:8; 17:6)
- Believed on in the world (Galatians 2:20)
- Taken up in glory (Acts 1:9)

# The Church Reveals Christ To The World (I Timothy 3:14-15)

- Conduct oneself as:
  - A member of the house of God (I Corinthians 11:1)
  - A member of the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12ff)
  - As a pillar and buttress of the truth – upholds, supports and obeys the truth.

# Applications

- A great composer, Giacomo Puccini died with cancer before finishing his last composition but Arturo Toscanini and others finished it.
- Our Master died, was raised from the dead, and ascended to the Father, leaving us the most important task in the world: to finishing His work, to proclaim His great salvation among the nations – **The gospel through me!**