

Pictures of a New Testament Church—1 Timothy 3:15
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If a picture is truly worth a thousand words, then in only a few words Paul says much about the church. Using three brief yet concise phrases, the apostle paints three vivid pictures of what it means to be the church. We must let these pictures shape us into who we must be as the Lord's church.

1. The Church is a FAMILY:

"The household of God"

2. The Church is an ASSEMBLY:

"The Church of the Living God"

3. The Church is a PILLAR:

"The pillar and support of the truth"

As a "pillar," the church supports the truth in two ways:

a. By holding the truth *firm*.

b. By holding the truth *forth*.