

## **Faith for Boldness**

The Nature of the Gospel, the Church, the Christian, and the World  
A Clarion Call for Unashamed Christianity  
Selected Scriptures

The Apostle Paul warns his son in the faith, Timothy, about a dark and troubling time that would come in 2 Timothy 4:3-4. He writes, "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." While Paul's prediction had an immediate manifestation during Timothy's time, the cultural tide of dismissing God's revealed truth has continued to swell into overflow in our time. Believers in Christ and the Bible are engaged in a heated battle for the concept and content of Divine truth. We face an ever-increasing throng of vehemently vocal antagonists who find our faith offensive, dangerous, antiquated, or outright irrelevant. The times that we are living in demand of us a steely resolve to hold on to what we know is true and to openly, unashamedly declare that truth with our lips and our lives.

This lesson is designed to remind us of the fundamentals of 4 key aspects of our purpose for existence. We must understand the nature of the Gospel, the local Church, the Christian, and the World to effectively and faithfully stand for God as the culture around us falls deeper and deeper into stubborn error and deceit. We must employ our faith for more eternally weighty matters than just temporal individual issues. Souls are at stake and we cannot passively spectate as they live in the fog of Satan's lies. The book of Hebrews 10:23 implores the believer to this tenacious stand by saying, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."

- I. The Nature of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. God is \_\_\_\_\_ to Share in God's  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Humankind \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Law and Can  
be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ with our Human  
Nature, \_\_\_\_\_ to the Law of God,  
\_\_\_\_\_ on a Cross,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Acknowledgement of \_\_\_\_\_ who deserves  
Condemnation, \_\_\_\_\_ as Fully  
Sufficient for One's \_\_\_\_\_, and  
Repentance Which is \_\_\_\_\_  
Constitute the \_\_\_\_\_ to the Truth of the Gospel Message.  
Anything Else is \_\_\_\_\_.

- II. The Nature of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ – What is It?
    - i. Called Out \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ – What Does it Do?
    - i. The Church Exists to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. The Church Exists to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ - Why Belong?

i. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Church.

ii. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Church.

iii. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Church.

d. Leadership - \_\_\_\_\_?

i. Scriptural Officers

1. \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_.

b. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. \_\_\_\_\_

III. The Nature of \_\_\_\_\_.

a. True Believers \_\_\_\_\_.

b. True Believers \_\_\_\_\_.

c. True Believers \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. The Nature of \_\_\_\_\_

a. The World is \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. The World is \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The World is \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. The World is \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. The World is \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. The World \_\_\_\_\_.