

**The Victorious and Glorious Church, Part 6**  
**The Church → The Household of God / The Household of Faith**  
**1 Timothy 3:15 / Galatians 6:10 -- 01/31/2016**  
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**Review**

Each Picture or Snapshot of the Church – that Picture or Image should bring to mind at least 3 Aspects ...

1. Relationship (what Relationship is “Pictured”)
2. Roles within that Relationship
3. Responsibilities within those Roles that we play within that Relationship

**1<sup>st</sup> week** → We are **Royal Warriors** for Christ ... **Keys** of the Kingdom, Tearing off the Gates of Hell, setting the captives free (a Holy Mission of Rescue) (Matt. 16:16-19 / John 8:31-36)

**2<sup>nd</sup> week** → **Pillar & Support/Foundation** of the **TRUTH** → Supporting, Defending, Proclaim God’s Word (1 Timothy 3:15)

**3<sup>rd</sup> week** → The **Bride** of Christ → Wife, submission to, loving, obeying, intimate with her Husband, Christ. Eventually Ruling with her Husband, Christ (Ephesians 5:25-27 / Rev. 22:5)

**4<sup>th</sup> week** → The Holy, Spiritual, Living **Temple** of Christ → **Worshippers**, Worship of God, Building each other up, being used of God to be the Living Stones to Build His Living Temple. (Ephesians 2:14-22)

**5<sup>th</sup> week** (last week) → The church → The **Royal Priesthood** of Christ (1 Peter 2:9)

**Today’s TEXTs: The Church as a Household of God / of Faith.**

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**DEFINITIONS HELP us:**

**Household** → **OIKOS** → home, household, family, people a person would hold as family-like, folks we hang out with and care for, etc. Not always genetically related to us, directly, but folks we would consider as family. In our mind, in our heart, in our lives. Tribal, Family, us’ns

**FAITH** → *pistis / pisteou* ... trust, belief, believing, trusting, faith, faithful, relying upon, etc. in this case → it is actually worded: “household of **THE Faith**” ... (definite article) not just “household of faith” → this makes a huge difference.

1. “of the Faith” implies “**the Faith**” → the “body” of beliefs, similar to a “statement of faith” or a “confession of faith”. It is a “something” ... a **NOUN**, not just an action. It implies → those who hold to the “same FAITH” or “the same set of Beliefs”, together, all on the “same page” regarding what they all believe regarding God, Jesus Christ, Salvation, Eternity, etc.
2. It implies **Active Trusting** and **Belief** in the Object of that Faith, and Holding to the “Articles of that ‘FAITH’” . . . not just a one time “assent” to the truth of it, and signing some paperwork, but active, engaged, continuing, involved, daily, etc.

## Household of God --- compared to Household of the Faith ...

Folks there is NO difference ... both imply the same “church” ... the family of God, the family of faith, disciples of Jesus Christ.

1. one phrase is relates to the **Ownership and Fatherhood** of God over our Family
2. the other relates to our **Siblings** with whom we BELONG

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How are we to “conduct” ourselves in the Household of God?

What are God’s Household Rules (“oikonomos” – from which we get the word “economics”)

1. **RESPECT** the leadership established by God within the church (see 1 Timothy 3:1-14)  
Paul teaches about Pastoral-Eldership & Deacons before 1 Timothy 3:15.  
(also see 1 Timothy 5:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7,17)  
Why is this Principle so important in the local church family?
2. **Do Good**: So then, while we have opportunity, let us **DO GOOD** to all people, and **ESPECIALLY** to those who are of the **HOUSEHOLD** of the **FAITH**. (Gal. 6:10)  
Notice we are to Do Good to all sorts of people (regardless if they are born again or not) ... **BUT** we are to Do Good, **ESPECIALLY** toward those within the Household of the Faith. Why are we to have this **SPECIAL FOCUS**?
3. **Love One Another**: “A new commandment I give to you, that you **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35 / also see Romans 12) → this relates to #2 above, but relates to a **HEART** issue, of **CARING CONCERN** for our Fellows Siblings in Christ ...  
It is **NOT** a commandment to Love the Lost, in this case, but to **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**  
Doing **GOOD** is a **START**, that is an Action, but **LOVE** is from the Heart. It is a **HIGHER CARE** and **CONCERN** for our Family Members in Christ

We are the **VICTORIOUS & GLORIOUS** Church Christ wants us to be when we are **FAMILY**