Welcome!

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING!

WE'LL BEGIN TODAY WITH A READING FROM

1 Timothy 3:14-16



Does It *Really* Matter?

DIFFERENCES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

3 **Which Church?**

WHAT DOES JESUS SEE?



MY LAST JOB INTERVIEW

What do you see in a church?

LOOK CLOSER







The Lampstand

CHRIST AMONG HIS CHURCHES

REV. 1:13,20; 2:1,5

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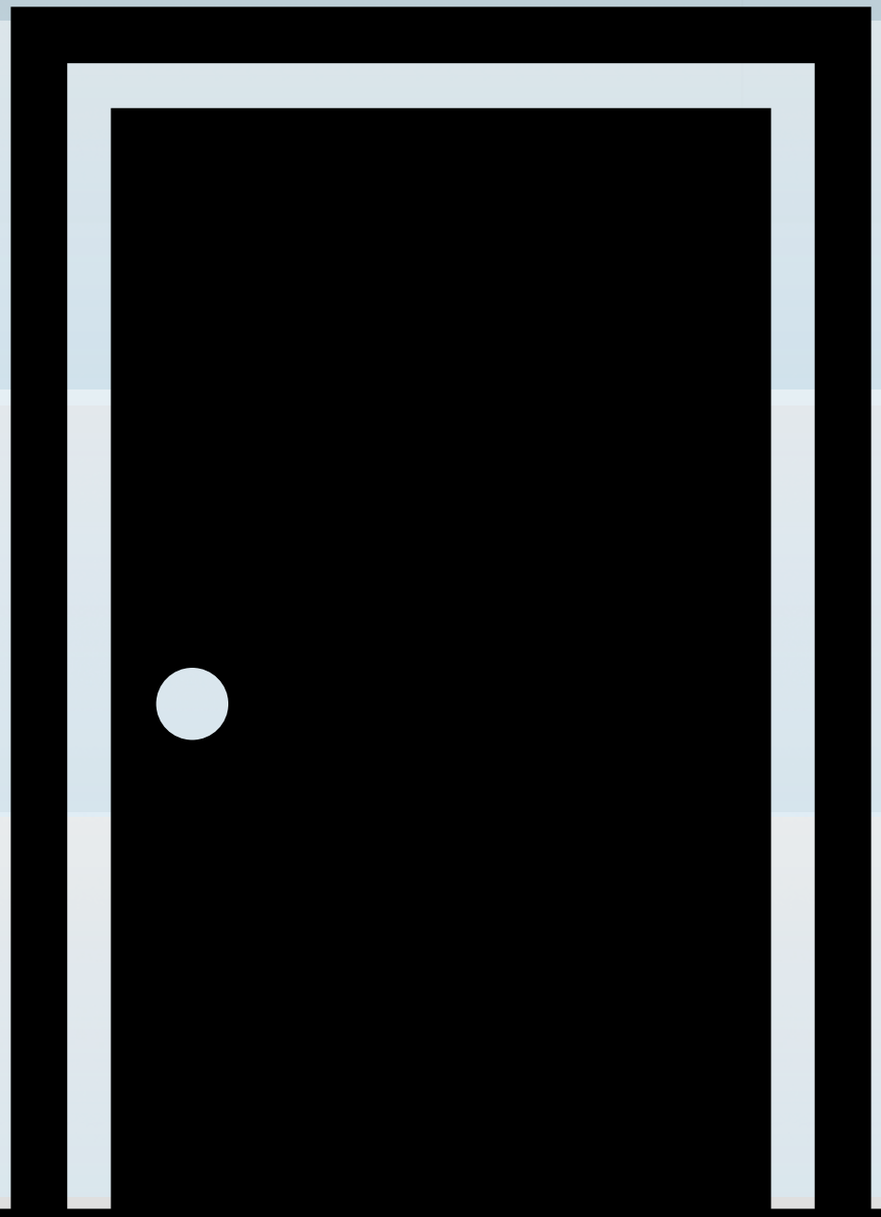
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WHY IS JESUS KNOCKING?

REVELATION 3:19-20

Yes, it matters to Christ.

Looking at appearances.



Eyes open to discern.

I. LOCAL CHURCHES IN REVELATION

Let’s Open Our Bibles

RETURNING TO TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 3:14-16

1 TIM 1

1 TIM 2

1 TIM 3

3:14-16

1 TIMOTHY'S PURPOSE

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1 TIM 1	HOW WE GUARD THE TRUTH
1 TIM 2	HOW WE PRAY & WORSHIP
1 TIM 3	HOW WE CHOOSE LEADERS
3:14-16	**1 TIMOTHY'S PURPOSE** *"I am writing these things to you so that...you may know how one ought to behave in...the church"*
1 TIM 4	HOW WE TEACH & LIVE
1 TIM 5	HOW WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER
1 TIM 6	HOW WE LIVE WITH GODLINESS

3:14-16



HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

Relationship: We love & live as a *family*.



CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

Identity: We belong to him.



PILLAR & BUTTRESS OF TRUTH

Mission: We hold up the message of life.





127 FAMOUS PILLARS | DIANA'S TEMPLE, EPHESUS

Yes, it matters to Christ.

My preferences.



Christ's will.

CHRIST GAVE US A

1 Message

GAL. 1:6-9

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GAL. 1:6-9 | 2 TIM. 3:14-4:4 | EPH. 4:5-6

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Does this church preach the gospel Jesus gave or the message people want to hear?

CHRIST GAVE US A

❷ People

ACTS 2:41-47

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ROM. 12:3-13 | HEB. 10:24-25 | JOHN 13:34-35

CHRIST GAVE US A

❷ People

ACTS 2:41-47

Is this church devoted together to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayers?

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread … day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes”

Acts 2:42,46

– ESV –

CHRIST GAVE US A

❸ Table

1 COR. 11:23-26

CHRIST GAVE US A

3 Table

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LOOK CLOSER

ACTS 20:7 | 1 COR. 10:16-20 | MATT. 26:26-29

CHRIST GAVE US A

❸ Table

1 COR. 11:23-26

Does this church remember the Lord in the way we've received from him?

CHRIST GAVE US A

❹ Song

EPH. 5:19

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COL. 3:16 | 1 COR. 14:15,26 | MATT. 26:30 | JAMES 5:13

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❹ Song

EPH. 5:19

Is this church addressing one another by singing & making melody to the Lord with our hearts?

CHRIST GAVE US A

5 Shepherds

ACTS 20:28; 1 PET. 5:1-4

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ACTS 14:23; 20:17-30 | TITUS 1:5-9 | 1 TIM. 3 | EPH. 4:11

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5 Shepherds

ACTS 20:28; 1 PET. 5:1-4

Is this church led by overseeing elders under the authority of Christ, the Chief Shepherd?

CHRIST GAVE US A

6 Mission

EPH. 4:11-16; MATT. 28:18-20

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EPH. 4:11-16; MATT. 28:18-20

LOOK CLOSER

1 THES. 1:6-8 | PHIL. 4:14-18 | ACTS 6:1-7; 11:20-30

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6 Mission

EPH. 4:11-16; MATT. 28:18-20

Is this church's work focused on making disciples & building Christ's body in the truth?

Yes, it matters to Christ.

Examine what we do.



Steward what we've received.

III. WHAT HAS CHRIST GIVEN HIS CHURCH



May the *Living Christ* be here among us.

LET'S PRAY FOR HIS MERCY & GUIDANCE.

