



The Mystery of Godliness

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1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;

¹⁵but in case I am delayed,

I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself
in the household of God,
which is the church of the living God,
the pillar and support of the truth.

note #1

¹⁶And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness:

He who was
revealed in the flesh,
Vindicated in the Spirit,
Beheld by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,
Believed on in the world,
Taken up in glory.

4:1 But

the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith,

note #2

paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

²by means of the hypocrisy of liars

seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

note #3

³*men* who forbid marriage *and advocate* abstaining from foods,
which God has created to be gratefully shared in
by those who believe and know the truth.

⁴For everything created by God is good,

and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude;

⁵for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

Notes

note #1

Ephesians 2:18 ...through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

²⁰ having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

2 Corinthians 6:16 ... we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

¹⁷ "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you.

¹⁸ "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.

note #2

John 6:37 "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

³⁸ "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

³⁹ "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

⁴⁰ "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

³⁰ "I and the Father are one."

John 18:8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *He*; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way,"

⁹ that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom Thou hast given Me I lost not one."

1 John 2:18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.

¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.

²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One...

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

note #3

2 Corinthians 11:12 ...what I am doing, I will continue to do, that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting.

¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

¹⁵ Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.

2 Timothy 2:24 ...the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,
²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,
²⁶ and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.
3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,
³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,
⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;
⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.
⁶ For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses,
⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Ephesians 2:2 ...you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 6:12 ...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

1 Peter 5:7 ...casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

⁹ But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

All scripture is from the NASV. 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 is in the form of a phrase-by-phrase breakdown. The words and word order have not been changed.