

**SUNDAY A.M. November 27, 2016**

**SERMON: *The Distinctive Nature of the Church that Jesus purchased!***

**TEXT: Acts 2:47; 20:28 1 Cor. 6:20**

**Intro:** Recognizing that the life “of Christ”, the doctrine “of Christ”, and mission “of Christ” were distinct from all other religious leaders of his day, we should not be surprised to find that the church “of Christ” would also be distinct from other churches that are not truly “of Christ.” The church “of Christ” in the first century had a very distinct worship based on sincerity and truth (John 4:24; Ephesians 5:19; 1 Corinthians 14:15), a distinct message of salvation in Jesus Christ (1 John 5:11; Acts 4:12) and a distinct mission to be the “pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15) which “is the power of God unto salvation” (Romans 1:16).\*

- 1. Distinctive in Salvation: 1 Timothy 1:12-17.**
- 2. Distinctive in Leadership: 1 Timothy 3:1-7.**
- 3. Distinctive in Godliness: 1 Timothy 4:8-10.**
- 4. Distinctive in Faithfulness: 2 Timothy 2:11-13.**
- 5. Distinctive in Grace: Titus 3:1-8.**

**Con:** Thank God for the Church that wears the name of Christ! Cf. Ephesians 3:20-21

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