

# What is a Biblically Shaped Church?

1 Timothy 3:14-15

*I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.*

Premise: The source of a church's life is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient to \_\_\_\_\_ us and to \_\_\_\_\_ us in all matters as a church.

\_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ springs from \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ we are!

\_\_\_\_\_ doesn't drive behavior. \_\_\_\_\_ does!

\_\_\_\_\_ are we?

1) A \_\_\_\_\_, under the authority of a Good Father ...

2) \_\_\_\_\_, rescued from the kingdom of darkness ...

3) A \_\_\_\_\_, founded on the truth ...

\_\_\_\_\_ are we to \_\_\_\_\_?

1) As a family, we display the love of our Father by \_\_\_\_\_.

*This looks like ...*

2) As a called-out assembly, we display the Gospel by \_\_\_\_\_.

*This looks like ...*

3) As a building of "living stones", we guard the truth by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*This looks like ...*

*We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural officers are bishops or pastors and deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.*

Article XIII, The New Hampshire Confession of Faith, 1833