The Pillar and Ground of the Truth
1 Tim 3:15

Introduction:
A. Definitions:
1. “The church” – God’s called out people distributively and collectively.
2. “Pillar and Ground” – the support, not origin or determiner.
3. “The truth”
   a. All spiritual truth considered as a unit – like the law (Jas. 2:10)
   b. Other equivalent expressions: “The gospel,” “The doctrine,” “The word,” “The faith.”
B. In our role and pillar and ground of the truth, we have certain responsibilities:

Discussion:
I. We must Know the Truth (John 8:31, 32).
   A. As opposed to religious and philosophical error.
   B. The truth is found in the scriptures (John 16:13; 17:17; Acts 17:11)
   C. “Let God be true and every man a liar” (Rom 3:4)
II. We must Love the Truth (2 Thess. 2:9, 10)
   A. Enough to obey it.
      1. To be saved (1 Pet. 1:22)
      2. To stay saved (Gal. 3:1; 5:7; Rom. 2:8)
   B. Enough to hold on to it (Prov. 23:23)
III. We must Speak the Truth (Eph. 4:15)
   A. Speak rather than remaining silent (Acts 4:18-20)
      1. Speaking all the truth (Acts 20:20, 27)
      2. Go everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:4)
IV. We must Defend the Truth (Gal 2:5)
   A. Because of many false prophets/teachers (1 John 1:4; 2 Pet. 2:10)
   B. For the sake of teacher and those he influences (Gal. 2:13)
V. We must Demonstrate the Truth (Gal. 2:14).
   A. By walking in truth (3 John 4)
   B. By being examples (1 Tim. 4:12; Matt. 5:16)
   C. Individually and collectively.
      1. Show world what a Christian is to be like.
      2. Show world what the church is to be like.

Conclusion:
A. Do you know the truth about Christ, his salvation and his church?
B. Have you purified your souls in obeying the truth?
C. Are you insuring your eternal salvation by walking in the truth?