

18 December 2016: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

Topic: A Church in Order: Fight for Doctrine!

Scripture text: 1 Timothy 1: 18-20

1. The world fights for properties, corporate success, and even their own ideologies. Students in schools may fight for positions in their CCAs and good grades. Believers are to fight for the truth of God's Word but sadly few will do it. Often Christians are apathy to the false teachings that will destroy the church.
2. The Apostle Paul made a passionate appeal and charge to young Timothy to follow in his footsteps to defend the doctrines of the Bible at all cost. Timothy has been called by God to serve in the Church at Ephesus and must now fight a good warfare for the Lord.
3. This applies to all believers as we are in a spiritual warfare. We must defend the Word of God in the place that God has put us in our school or office or home. Let us be a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
4. We learn how to fight a good fight of faith in v.19 by holding faith and a good conscience. This means in doctrine and practice we must be obedience to God's Word and earnestly contend for the faith. We must do so with a good conscience that we do not compromise our faith. False teachers have a seared conscience.
5. Two examples Hymenaeus and Alexander are given in v.20 who made a shipwreck of their faith by repudiating the Word of God and they had to be disciplined so that the purity of the Church can be kept.