

# **WHEN GRACE APPEARED**



Salvation in the Pastoral Letters

## 1 Timothy 3:14-16

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**I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:**



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# Outline

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## The Truth We Confess:

1. The reality of truth
2. The confession of truth
3. The witness to truth



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Truth is real, knowable, and revealed.



## 2. The confession of truth

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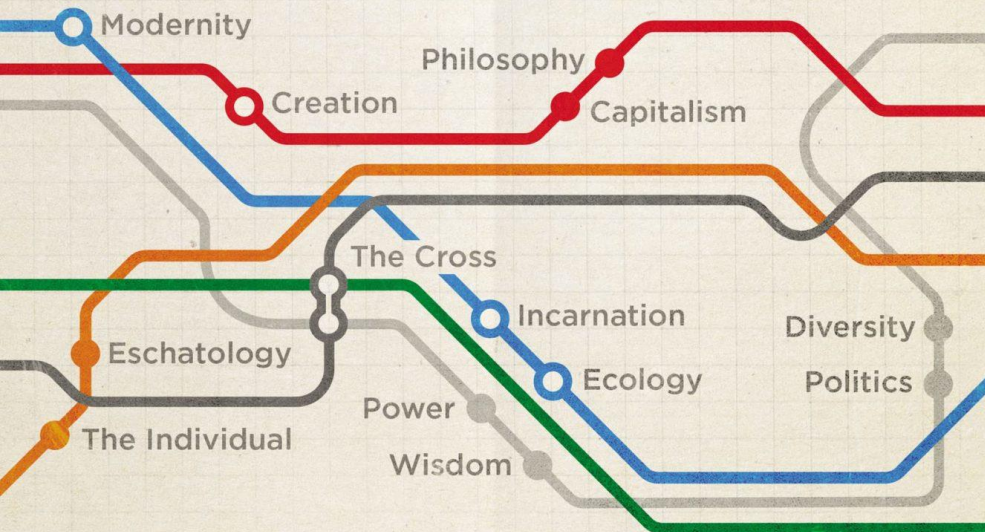




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# BIBLICAL CRITICAL THEORY

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CHRISTOPHER  
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The scandal of the incarnation:

- Historical
- Particular
- Material
- Personal

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