

was first formed, then Eve; and Adam was not be- 14
guiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen
into transgression: but she shall be saved through 15
her childbearing, if they continue in faith and love
and sanctification with sobriety.

¹ Or, *the*
childbearing

² Some con-
nect the
words *Faith-
ful is the*
saying with
the preced-
ing para-
graph.

³ Or, *overseer*

⁴ Or, *not*
quarrelsome
over wine

⁵ Gr.
judgment.

² Faithful is the saying, If a man seeketh the office **3**
of a ³ bishop, he desireth a good work. The ³ bishop **2**
therefore must be without reproach, the husband
of one wife, temperate, soberminded, orderly, given
to hospitality, apt to teach; ⁴ no brawler, no striker; **3**
but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money;
one that ruleth well his own house, having *his* **4**
children in subjection with all gravity; (but if a **5**
man knoweth not how to rule his own house, how
shall he take care of the church of God?) not a no- **6**
vice, lest being puffed up he fall into the ⁶ condem-
nation of the devil. Moreover he must have good **7**
testimony from them that are without; lest he fall
into reproach and the snare of the devil. Deacons **8**
in like manner *must be* grave, not doubletongued, not
given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; hold- **9**
ing the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
And let these also first be proved; then let them **10**
serve as deacons, if they be blameless. Women in **11**
like manner *must be* grave, not slanderers, temper-
ate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be husbands **12**
of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own
houses well. For they that have served well as **13**
deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and
great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

⁶ Or, *how*
thou oughtest
to behave
thyself

⁷ Or, *stay*

⁸ The word
God, in place
of *He who*,
rests on no
sufficient
ancient
evidence.
Some
ancient
authorities
read *which*.

These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto **14**
thee shortly; but if I tarry long, that thou mayest **15**
know ⁶ how men ought to behave themselves in the
house of God, which is the church of the living
God, the pillar and ⁷ ground of the truth. And with- **16**
out controversy great is the mystery of godliness;
⁸ He who was manifested in the flesh, justified in
the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations,
believed on in the world, received up in glory.

⁹ Or,
red

But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times **4**
some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to
seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, through the **2**
hypocrisy of men that speak lies, ⁹ branded in their