

“According to the Pattern”

- I. Introduction: Patterns / blue prints are important (i.e. Houses, dresses, furniture, etc.)
- II. God gave Moses a Pattern
 - a. (**Ex 26:30**) “And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.”
 - b. (**Heb 8:4-5**) “For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.”
 - c. The tabernacle – A tent or cloth hut – Used in the worship of God
 - i. Shadow – Type
 - ii. Heavenly things – Church – Kingdom of God – anti-type
 - d. Pattern – “**τυπος**” “The pattern in **conformity** to which a thing **must** be made.” (Thayer's Greek Lexicon)
- III. Old Testament – for our learning
 - a. We are no longer under the Old
 - i. (**Gal 3:25**) “But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”
 - b. We no longer are instructed to build Moses' Tabernacle
 - c. The Old Testament is written for our learning
 - i. (**Rom 15:4**) “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”
 - ii. (**1 Cor 10:11-12**) “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”
 - iii. When we study these things we must carefully explore for any underlying principles that pertain to us!
 - d. Just as God expressed His mind to Moses and gave instructions to Him, He has expressed His mind to us, and given us instructions to follow
 - i. (**Heb. 1:1, 2**) “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”
- IV. Is there a Pattern in the New Testament like there was in the Old?
 - a. What do the scriptures teach?
 - i. Paul
 1. (**2 Tim 1:13**) “Hold **the pattern of sound words** which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.”
 - a. Pattern of Sound Words – The Word of God

2. (1 Tim 3:14-15) “These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou **oughtest to behave** thyself in the **house of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”
 - a. What things did he write before
 - i. Book of 1 Timothy:
 1. (2:1-8) Prayer in Public Worship
 2. (2:9-15) Women in Public Worship
 3. (3:1-7) Qualifications of Bishops
 4. (3:8-13) Qualifications of Deacons
 - ii. These were written so that we will know how we **ought to behave** ourselves in the house of God.
 3. (Gal 1:6-9) “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”
 - a. Perverting the Gospel of Christ is going against the pattern – ceases to be the gospel any longer
- ii. John
1. (2 John 9) “Whosoever **transgresseth**, and **abideth not in the doctrine of Christ**, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”
 - a. Transgresseth – “**παρβαίνω**” – “to overstep, neglect, violate, transgress” (Thayer’s)
 - b. You can either:
 - i. Abide not in the doctrine of Christ
 - ii. Abide in the doctrine of Christ
 - c. Implies that the **Doctrine** of Christ is the set standard for one having God or not.
 - d. Doctrine – “**διδαχη**” – “teaching” (Thayer’s)
- b. Doctrine (Teaching) of Christ is a Law
- i. Law of Faith
 1. (Rom 3:27) “Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.”
 - ii. Law of the Spirit of Life
 1. (Rom 8:2) “For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the **law** of sin and death.”
 - iii. Law of Christ

1. (**Gal 6:2**) “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the **law of Christ.**”
- iv. Law of Liberty
 1. (**James 1:25**) “But whoso looketh into the perfect **law of liberty**, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”
- v. A Law in which God has given us
 1. (**Heb 8:10**) “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put **my laws** into their **mind**, and write them in their **hearts**: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:”
- vi. Law – “**νομος**” “anything **established**, anything received by usage, a custom, a **law**, a **command**” (Thayer’s)
- vii. Law – “(1) : a **binding** custom or practice of a community : a rule of conduct or action prescribed or formally recognized as binding or enforced by a controlling authority (2) : **the whole body** of such customs, practices, or rules” (Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary)
- c. Since the Doctrine of Christ is a Law – Then there **must** be a pattern of rules and regulations in which we **must** follow!
 - i. (**Matt 28:20**) “**Teaching** them to **observe all things** whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”
 - ii. (**Acts 2:42**) “And they continued steadfastly in the **apostles’ doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”
- d. If there is no pattern then why would it be wrong to add or diminish from the word of God?
 - i. (**Rev 22:18-19**) “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add** unto these things, God shall **add** unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall **take away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall **take away** his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”
 1. Not only for the Book of Revelation. This is a universal law of God’s word.
 - ii. (**Deut 4:2**) “Ye shall not **add** unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye **diminish** ought from it, **that ye may keep the commandments** of the LORD your God which I command you.”
- e. If there is no set pattern then Christianity would be chaotic
 - i. One wouldn’t even know how to become a Christian!
 - ii. (**Eph 4:14**) “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine...”
 - iii. (**1 Cor 14:33**) “For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”

- iv. Some may say that Christianity IS chaotic
 - 1. God didn't make it that way. Man has made it chaotic by not sticking to the pattern! – Just further proof that we must stick to the pattern
- V. Some contend that there is no set pattern; we need to use our own judgment.
 - a. This assumes that we think like God and make judgment without guidance.
 - i. **(Jer 10:23-24)** “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.”
 - b. The Word of God lights our way
 - i. **(Ps 119:105)** “Thy **word** is a **lamp** unto my **feet**, and a **light** unto my **path**.”
 - ii. **(Ps 18:28)** “For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness”
- VI. We must keep the Pattern given to us
 - a. **(1 Tim 4:16)** “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”
 - b. **(Prov 30:5-6)** “Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”
- VII. If we do not keep the Pattern:
 - a. **(Matt 7:21-23)** “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”
 - b. Jesus told the Pharisees
 - i. **(Matt 15:7-9)** “Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in **vain** they do **worship** me, teaching for **doctrines** the **commandments of men**.”
 - 1. Going against God's Pattern of Doctrine
 - 2. Substituting God's word with personal judgment!
 - ii. **(Matt 15:12-14)** “Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, **Every plant**, which my heavenly **Father** hath not **planted**, shall be **rooted up**. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”
- VIII. If you are not a child of God – There is a pattern to become one
 - a. Christ came to take away the sin of the world

- i. John the Baptist saw Jesus and said, "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the **sin** of the world." (**John 1:29**)
- b. Jesus is our propitiation
 - i. (**1 John 4:10**) "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."
- c. We must believe in Him
 - i. (**John 8:24**) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."
 - ii. To believe means to Trust what he says
- d. He wants us to repent of our sins
 - i. (**Luke 13:3**) "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."
- e. He wants us to confess that He is the Son of God
 - i. (**Matt 10:32-33**) "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."
 - ii. (**Rom 10:10**) "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
- f. He wants us to be baptized
 - i. (**Mark 16:16**) "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."
- g. You Do this for the Remission of Sins
 - i. (**Acts 2:38**) "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
- h. You will then receive the gift of the Holy Ghost
 - i. This is not the Holy Ghost himself – A gift given by the Holy Ghost
- i. What did they receive on the day of Pentecost when they Believed and Obeyed the gospel?
 - i. (**Acts 2:41**) "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were **added** unto them about three thousand souls."
 - ii. (**Acts 2:47**) "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."
 - iii. When you do this God will also be added to His perfect and complete Church
- j. In being added you become a child of God
 - i. (**Gal 3:26-29**) "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."