

Follow The Pattern

Understanding and applying the Bible

No scripture was written directly to us, but has been preserved for us to learn and have hope.

Purpose of The Scriptures

- **Romans 15:4** *"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."*
- **2 Timothy 3:16** *"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;"*
- **2 Peter 1:20** *"But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,"*
- **2 Peter 3:15-16** *"and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction."*

Patterns God Has Used

- The Passover Lamb – blood of a lamb was put on doorframe of house that God would not kill their firstborn ~ Christ has become our Passover lamb.
 - **1 Corinthians 5:7** *"Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed."*
- The Tabernacle – A shadowy copy of the temple God would build without hands.
 - **Hebrews 8:4-5** *"Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "See," He says, "that you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.""*
 - **Ephesians 2:21** *"in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,"*

Patterns God Gave Us

- **1 Timothy 1:15-16** *"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life."*
- **Philippians 3:17** *"Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us."*

Obey & Model The Pattern

- **Romans 6:17** *"But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form (pattern) of teaching to which you were committed, "*
- **2 Timothy 1:13** *"Retain (pattern) the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. "*
- **1 Peter 2:21** *"For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example (pattern in writing) for you to follow in His steps, "*

Show Yourself A Pattern

- *Titus 2:6-7 "Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example (pattern) of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, "*
- *1 Peter 5:1-4 "Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples (pattern) to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. "*