

FOLLOWING THE PATTERN

Lesson #1 -The Pattern of the Church

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 8:4-6

Introduction:

1. It makes a difference what pattern we follow!
-Why follow something false -1Co 15:30
2. There is a pattern in the New Testament of the church of Christ.

I. THE FALLACY OF NOT FOLLOWING THE PATTERN

- A. ACHAN'S SIN -Jo 7:10-26
 1. The instructions given -Jo 6:18, 19
 2. Achan disobeyed the commands and was put to death
- B. UZZA'S SIN -1Ch 13:9, 10
 1. He touched the ark of the covenant
 2. No one was to carry the ark except the Levites -1Ch 15:2
- C. UZZIAH'S PRIDE -2Ch 26:16-23
- D. THE FOOLISH MAN -Mt 7:24-27

II. HOLD FAST TO THE PATTERN

- A. NOAH HELD FAST TO THE PATTERN -Ge 6:14-22
 1. The specific dimensions were given -vs. 15, 16
 2. Additional instructions -vs. 17-21
 3. The end result -vs. 22
- B. MOSES WITH THE TABERNACLE -Ex 39:42, 43

III. THE PATTERN OF THE NT CHURCH

- A. THERE IS A PATTERN
 1. The seed is the word of God -Lk 8:11
 2. The Great Commission -Mt 28:18-20
 - a. Salvation
 - b. Christian conduct
- B. THE PATTERN OF THE CHURCH
 1. Paul's consistent teaching -1Co 4:17, 7:17, 14:33
 2. Pattern of salvation in the book of Acts
 3. Structure of the church in the epistles
 - a. Church offices -Ep 4:11
 - b. Elders -1Ti 3:1-7; Ti 1:5-16
 - c. Deacons -1Ti 1:8-13

Conclusion:

1. There is a pattern for the church today to be followed
2. It gives us great confidence to know we are on solid ground when we follow.