FOLLOWING THE PATTERN  
Lesson #3 - Entering the Church  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:21-23

Introduction:
1. The safest place to be during a tornado - in solid shelter
2. We must enter the church to have salvation for our souls.

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF “IN”
   A. CONSIDER SOME EXAMPLES:
      1. Noah and the ark - Ge 7:16
      2. The wise and foolish virgins - Mt 25:10

   B. BLESSING FOUND WITHIN
      1. All spiritual blessing - Ep 1:3
      2. Salvation for our souls - 2Ti 2:10
      3. There are no spiritual blessings on the outside!

II. ONLY THROUGH JESUS
   A. THERE IS NO OTHER SAVIOR
      1. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus - Jn 14:6
      2. There is no other name for salvation - Ac 4:12
      3. There is no other Mediator - 1Ti 2:5; 1Jn 2:2; He 4:15

   B. THERE IS NO OTHER AUTHORITY
      1. All authority belongs to Jesus - Mt 28:18
      2. He is the head of the church - Ep 1:22, 23
      3. He has preeminence over all things - Co 1:16-18

   C. JESUS IS THE DOOR - Jn 10:7-9
      1. All others are “thieves and robbers” - vs. 8
         a. The sheep do not hear them
         b. The true sheep of Jesus knows His voice - Jn 10:4, 5
      2. We too must know the voice of our Savior
         a. He has the words of eternal life - Jn 6:68
         b. We must follow His words - Lk 6:46

III. THE WAY IN
   A. WE MUST FOLLOW THE STEPS OF SALVATION
   B. WE MUST CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE FAITH
      1. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ - 2Pe 3:17, 18
      2. Our labor is not in vain - 1Co 15:58

Conclusion:
1. The safest place for us to be truly is in the Lord
2. When we read, study, and follow the Scriptures we know the way in.