

HAS GOD GIVEN US A PATTERN?

INTRODUCTION:

Live in a world filled with patterns, rules and standards; such as,

1. like speed limits & paying taxes

But when it comes to God some think he - none or do as one desires

WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

TEXT: **2 Timothy 1:13**

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This Lesson on “HAS GOD GIVEN US A PATTERN?” comes After a series of LESSONS DESIGNED HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE BETTER BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON WHAT GOD EXPECTS, those lessons were:

1. Sola Scriptura (all-sufficiency of the Bible)
2. Holy Spirit Series (Many misunderstandings on the HS)
3. Last time spoke on How We Are Led (by our intellect & voluntary do what's revealed in the Bible)

We offer these lessons to encourage you to read & study your bible.

MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF WHAT GOD EXPECTS

HAPPY TO assist you in that EFFORT by offering you a free home bible study....just contact us & we'll arrange it.

Getting Back to Our Lesson

HAS GOD GIVEN US A PATTERN?

Well 1st we need to understand:

We are under NT law/covenant

Hebrews 8:6-13

6 He is also **Mediator of a better covenant** (law of Christ/NT), which was established on better promises. **7** For if that first covenant (law of Moses/OT) had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a **second**. ...**13** In that He says, "A **new covenant**," He has made the **first obsolete**. ...

HAS GOD GIVEN US A PATTERN TO FOLLOW?

Answer question by reading:

2 Timothy 1:13

13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus (Where is that? NT)

Pattern – Greek word (5296) Thayer's 2 Tim 1:13 the pattern placed before one to be **held fast & copied**, (as a) **model**

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that **form of doctrine** to which you were delivered (Context – Repentance)

Form – Greek word (5179) Thayer's says this about Romans 6:17 the teaching which embodies the sum & substance of religion & represents it to the mind (all encompassing)

Galatians 6:16 And as many as **walk** (the way we live) **according to this rule**, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. (context - Jewish Christians trying to bind circumcision)

Rule – Greek word (2583) Thayer's Phil 3:16 Any rule or standard, a principle or law of investigating, judging, living, acting

3 Different Words Used: PATTERN, FORM & RULES

1. Hold to **pattern** – copied as a model
2. **Form** – all teachings in NT
3. **Rule**- live by this

IN OTHER WORDS - PATTERN - Must NOT BREAK

LOOK FOR PATTERNS - MAKE SURE FOLLOWING GOD

A WORD OF CAUTION

THESE PATTERNS MIGHT NOT BE AS APPARENT TO YOU UNTIL YOU DIG INTO THE SCRIPTURES YOURSELF.

IS THE PATTERN IMPORTANT?

1. **Hebrews 8:4-5** (context of Hebrews is that Law of Christ **better** than Moses)

1. Typology – Type of Comparison

Type & Anti-Type (not the same but similar)

TYPE - Representation of something to come

ANTI-TYPE - RESULT of the TYPE & is **BETTER**

EXAMPLE - Person's Shadow (Type) & The Person that Casts it (Anti-type)

Hebrews 7:12 (Context here is Christ is the High Priest)

12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a **High Priest** (Jesus), who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the **true tabernacle** (the church) which the Lord erected, and not man.

4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

5 who serve **the copy and shadow of the heavenly things**, as Moses was **divinely instructed** when he was about to make the **tabernacle** (of OT). For He said, "See that you make all things according to **the pattern** shown you on the mountain."

2 COMPARISONS:

TYPE IS **TABERNACLE** OF OT – ANTI-TYPE IS **THE CHURCH** (CHRIST BUILT IT)

TYPE IS **HIGH PRIEST** (A MAN) OF OT – ANTI-TYPE IS **CHRIST BEING HIGH PRIEST** (GOD)

TYPE HAS TO MATCH EXACTLY OR WON'T MATCH THE ANTI-TYPE

7:14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses **spoke nothing concerning priesthood** (need to respect the silence of the scriptures).

Can't ADD or SUBTRACT otherwise not according to Pattern

2. HOLD THE PATTERN - **2 Timothy 1:13** (Context is NOT to Neglect Preaching/Teaching the Gospel)

13 Hold fast the **pattern of sound words** which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus

3. MUST HAVE AUTHORITY – **Colossians 3:17 17** And whatever you do in word (teach) or deed (do), **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...**

DOES THE PATTERN CHANGE?

JUDE 3

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which **was once for all delivered to the saints**.

1 PETER 1:25

25 But **the word** of the Lord **endures forever**." Now this is **the word** which by the gospel was preached to you.

IS ANYTHING MISSING?

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God **may be complete**, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 PETER 1:3

3 as His divine power has **given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

YOU MIGHT BE ASKING WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD THIS BEFORE?

1. Many haven't heard it preached before or thought about it
2. Some don't want to be restricted by what God says

EITHER WAY WE NEED TO CONSIDER THIS TOPIC

TEST THIS FURTHER

JUDGED BY GOD'S WORD

John 12:48

48 He who rejects Me, and **does not receive My words**, has that which judges him--**the word** that I have spoken **will judge him in the last day**. 49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know that **His command is everlasting life**. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

John 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

WELL THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY I DON'T NEED TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS CAUSE I KNOW HIM...

1 John 2:3-6

3 Now by this we know that **we know Him, if we keep His commandments**. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever **keeps His word**, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

It doesn't say ideas or requests of Jesus

EXAMPLES OF A PATTERN

1. TRUE WORSHIP

John 4:24

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him **must worship in spirit and truth**." (as revealed in the NT)
THE TRUTH IS REVEALED IN THE NT – IF NOT, WE CAN'T TRUST IT – Romans 10:17

Matthew 15:7-9

7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: **8** 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. (going thru the motions) **9** And **in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**' " (as opposed to what God teaches)

WE NEED TO WORSHIP ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN

2. MORALITY

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ (body of Information in NT), so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, **with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel** (Kindness & Patient)

1 Timothy 1:16

16 However, for this reason I obtained **mercy**, that in me first Jesus Christ **might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.**
(We need to have mercy & be longsuffering)

Titus 2:7

7 in **all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works** (train ourselves to behave like Jesus wants us to); **in doctrine** showing integrity (being honest connected with teaching here), reverence (for God), incorruptibility (can't be led to do something wrong)

3. SALVATION

Mark 16:16

16 He who **believes and is baptized will be saved**; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent, and** let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will **be saved**.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth **confession is made unto** (or the direction of) **salvation**.

We need to believe everything God teaches and do it in order to be saved – **Matthew 28:20** (teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you)

CONCLUSION

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Are you reading the bible with understanding and recognizing God has given us a pattern that He expects us to hold to? If not, we would be happy to assist you in that effort.