

What Makes A Pattern In Christianity?

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The sum total of what God has said about anything becomes the pattern for it. Examine the following statements. Are they true or false?

1. All that God has said about the Plan of Salvation is a **pattern** for salvation to every person.
2. All that God has said about the New Testament Church is a **pattern** by which it is identified.
3. All that God has said about becoming a member of the Lord's Church is a **pattern** for everyone.
4. All that God has said about the acts of worship is a **pattern**.
5. All that God has said about the day to observe the Lord's Supper is a **pattern** for Christians.
6. All that God has said about the Church and the support of preaching is a **pattern** to observe.
7. All that God has said about the church and helping the needy is a **pattern** for Christians today.
8. All that God has said about following Christ in spirit, etc., is a **pattern** for us.

I count it safe to follow the information we have in the Bible. I command what it says to everyone. James said, *"For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all"* (**James 2:10**).

Additional Scriptures On "Pattern" ~

Hebrews 8:5 - *"Who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, 'See that you make all things according to the **pattern** shown you on the mountain.'"*

2 Timothy 1:13 - *"Hold fast the **pattern** of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 3:17 - *"Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a **pattern**."*

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