

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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The Divine Purpose Can Only be Accomplished When the Divine Pattern is Followed

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SUMMARY

1. To please God we must live “according to His Word” (I Peter 4:11).
2. The Old Testament was a shadow of the New (Heb. 10:1). If God required obedience to the pattern of the Old Testament then He requires obedience to the pattern of the New (Heb. 2:1-3).
3. The New Testament is a pattern or blueprint for our lives as the Old Testament was for Israel (II Tim. 1:13; Heb. 10:1, 8:5).
4. God’s objective is our redemption and the development of each individual disciple into the image of His Son (Rom. 6:17; Eph. 4:22-24).
5. Through the New Testament God molds and shapes us into the image of His Son (Rom. 6:17; II Tim. 1:13).
6. Jesus left us an example that we should follow in His footsteps (I Peter 2:21).
7. Those who walk contrary to the New Testament pattern are enemies of the cross of Christ (Phil. 3:18).
8. If we, like Israel, do not persevere we will lose our reward (I Cor. 10).
9. Paul expected everyone to follow his example in Christ (Phil. 3:17; I Cor. 4:16, 17).

What is the Standard of Truth?

NOT:

- Human intuition – Jer. 10:23
- Human feelings – Prov. 14:12
- Human creeds – Matt. 15:9
- Sincerity – Acts 23:1
- Morality – Acts 10:1-3
- In man, period – Gal. 1:8, 9; Jer. 10:23

Truth is found only in God's Word.

“Speak only as the oracles of God” (I Peter 4:11)

“Sanctify them in the truth, thy word is truth” (John 17:17)

“All Scripture is inspired by God...” (II Tim. 3:16, 17)

“He who abides in the doctrine has both the Father & Son” (II John 9)

Jude 3

“Contend for the faith given *ONCE* for all” (Jude 3)

“Jesus offered up himself *ONCE*” (Heb. 9:28)

“It is appointed unto man *ONCE* to die” (Heb. 9:27)

**All three use the same Greek word – Hapax*

**The purpose in each case is to prove the finality of the event.*

Vine p. 137 – “Perpetual validity. Not requiring repetition.

to be continued

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16