



# A look at The Church of Christ

## The Need for a Pattern to Follow

2 Timothy 1:13-14

### Introduction

- (1) Spiritually speaking, people are lost in sin & need direction to find salvation.
- (2) Today, we will look at our need for a pattern to follow.

### Lesson

- I. First, we must acknowledge our need for a pattern.
  - A. Some people believe that they can find their way to Heaven by themselves.
    1. However ... Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 20:24
    2. Also ... John 14:6; Colossians 3:17
  - B. Some people choose to disregard the pattern.
    1. Cain – Genesis 4; Hebrews 11:4; Romans 10:17
    2. Nadab & Abihu – Leviticus 10:1-2)
    3. We will still be judged even if we disregard – John 12:48
  - C. Consider life with a proper respect for Biblical authority ... Psalm 1:1-3
- II. Second, we must understand that the Bible alone is our pattern.
  - A. It alone is sufficient to meet all of our spiritual needs (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3)
  - B. This being true, we don't need ...
    1. Creed books
    2. Human traditions
    3. "Other" revelations
  - C. Instead, we must strive to "do Biblical things in Biblical ways & call Biblical things by Biblical names."
- III. Third, we must put into practice the pattern that we find in the Bible.
  - A. Obviously, it is not enough for us just to be hearers (James 1:22).
  - B. Instead, we should react in the same manner as the Israelites in the days of Ezra & Nehemiah as recorded in Nehemiah 8:
    1. The people carefully & reverently listened to the Word of God (vv. 1-8).
    2. Then, the people appropriately applied to Word of God & made the changes that were necessary (vv. 9-18).

#1 – March 30, 2008