

Holding the Pattern of Sound Words

- I. Some Question About the “No Pattern” Idea
 - A. First, what/who says there is no pattern?
 1. Does the Bible teach that there is no pattern to follow?
 2. If the Bible so teaches, does the Bible teaching that there is no pattern constitute a pattern for us to accept.
 3. If there is no pattern, am I “free” to reject the teaching (the pattern) that says there is no pattern, or am I legally bound to believe that there is no pattern.
 - B. Second, if there are no patterns for worship and service, are there perversions?
 1. Can the Lord’s Supper be corrupted and made void?
 2. Paul taught that the Lord’s Supper can be perverted and made void (I Cor. 11:23ff).
 - a) *Were the Corinthians bound to obey Paul’s instructions?*
 - b) *Were the Corinthians free to ignore Paul’s instructions?*
 - c) *Would the Lord accept the Corinthians’ worship and service if they continued as they were?*
 - C. Third, is there a pattern for moral behavior?
 1. Does the Bible teach or give limits to moral behavior?
 2. Is there such a thing as immoral behavior?
 - a) *If there is no such thing as immoral behavior, then how does a man differ from a bull, a dog, or a rooster?*
 - b) *May I kill a man who says there is no pattern of moral behavior? Would I be immoral if I did?*
 - D. Fourth, is Jesus a pattern for salvation?
 1. Does the Bible present Christ’s life and death as a pattern of salvation: or are we free to follow Buddha rather than Christ?
 2. If Jesus is Lord in any sense, must we do what he says (Lk 6:46; Matt: 7:21, 28:18-20)?
 3. If Christ’s blood is the basis and pattern for salvation, how do we determine that it is?
 4. If Christ is the ground of salvation and a pattern of deliverance, by what process do we learn that there is no pattern for the conditions of salvation?

- II. What Does the Old Testament Say About a Pattern?

- III. What Does the New Testament Say About a Pattern?

- IV. What Happens When Men Reject the Pattern?
 - A. Look what happened when Jeroboam left the pattern (I Kings 12:25-34).
 - B. When men reject the pattern, they place women in roles that God never intended.
 - C. When men reject the pattern, the church is filled with unscripturally married people.
 - D. When men reject the pattern, they bring mechanical instruments of music into worship.
 - E. By rejecting the pattern, Community Churches are springing up all over the country.

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