

IS THERE A PATTERN FOR SCRIPTURAL ASSEMBLY?

- I. God has always provided a pattern for worship.
- A. A Pattern was given in the Old Testament. Heb 8:5
 - B. A Pattern is given in the New Testament. Jn 4:24
 - 1. II Tim 1:13
 - 2. I Cor 11:2
- II. What does a pattern do?
- A. Insures that the structure turns out as the designer intended.
 - 1. God is the designer of the church. Eph 1:4, Eph 2:19-22
 - 2. There is a pattern for the church. I Cor 11:1-2
 - D. Insures that multiple structures will be the same.
 - A. Different congregations must worship the same way.
 - B. All must follow the same blueprint.
- III. What else does a pattern do?
- A. Includes all those things that the builder must have in building.
 - B. Excludes all that is not in the pattern or blueprint.
- IV. The Bible must be our pattern.
- A. Worship must be in Spirit and in Truth. Jn 4:24
 - B. God's word is Truth. Jn 17:17
 - C. All that is included we must do - Authority of the Scriptures.
 - D. All that is excluded we may not do - Silence of the Scriptures.
- V. What is the Bible Pattern for assembly and teaching. Acts 20:20
- A. Public Assembly of the church. Jas 2:2
 - 1. Undivided assembly. Acts 11:25, 14:27, 15:30, 20:7, I Cor 11:20,33
 - 2. Coming together in one place. Heb 10:25, I Cor 14:23
 - 3. Women remain silent. I Cor 14:34
 - 4. Men only speak. I Tim 2:8-15
 - 5. Church and leaders oversee and sponsor. Eph 4:11-12
 - 6. Must follow rules of I Cor 14.
 - 7. Open to public.
 - B. Private gathering of individuals.
 - 1. Is not bound by I Cor 14.
 - 2. Individual calls and sponsors gathering.
 - 3. Not open to public - select invited.
 - 4. Women may speak. I Cor 14:34, Acts 18:26, II Tim 1:5, Titus 2:3

Conclusion:

Just as Moses was commanded to follow the pattern for the tabernacle so today we must follow the New Testament pattern in all things. May we always speak where the bible speaks and be silent where it is silent.