

# THE NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN #1

Introduction – As part of the Restoration Movement, churches of Christ have made following the New Testament pattern a priority. The goal is the replication/reproduction of the church of the first century. This has led to divisions over issues like instrumental music, missionary societies, one cup, Sunday school, and how you support orphans and mission work. Sometimes it appears unity in Christ is at odds with ideas of restoration.

A. The tabernacle/temple was built to exact specifications at God's commands.

Hebrews 8:3-5

B. The New Testament pattern is Jesus.

1 Peter 2:18-23

C. This pattern of teaching was about the imitation of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Philippians 2:1-8

Conclusion – The pattern for a New Testament Christian is the life, teaching, sacrificial death, resurrection, and ascension to reign of Jesus Christ. This is a challenging calling that requires our full attention. If we were more Christ-like then I believe there would have been less division within the Restoration Movement.