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Book of Acts -

NT Temple Pattern of the NT Church

Learn Discipleship through Understanding the Function and Characteristics
of the NT Church

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Abstract

This document guides NT Disciples in a study of the historical patterns of the NT Church in the *Book of Acts*. The purpose is to instruct NT Disciples “HOW-TO” become true disciples and followers of JESUS CHRIST. This guide is a discipleship tool for self-study, small groups, or church organizations. It may be freely used, copied, and distributed in accordance with the Copyright notice below.

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1 Why This Guide

The HOLY GHOST spoke in my spirit that I needed to create a study guide sheet for the *Book of Acts*.

This study outline aims to guide those studying the Scriptural history of the NT Church to answer specific questions critical to their growth as a disciple.

2 Objective

This study aims to guide NT Disciples in a thought-provoking study of the NT Church as founded and established in the *Book of Acts*. This study aims to equip NT Disciples to be true disciples of JESUS CHRIST. Its goal is to help them become knowledgeable of the Holy Scriptures and to learn how to be led and guided by the HOLY GHOST!

3 Background

It was in April 2012 that the LORD caused me to compare Paul and Moses. The LORD reveals to me 12 patterns they jointly share that identify Paul's role as the Moses-like figure of the NT Church.

While researching, studying, and writing that book which I project to release in the summer of 2020, the HOLY GHOST revealed to me these powerful and impactful ways to teach NT Disciples how to become true disciples of JESUS CHRIST.

This knowledge is critical, meaningful, and relevant, especially because the Organized Church has long since stopped focusing on teaching REPENTANCE, DISCIPLESHIP, HOLY SCRIPTURES, and JESUS CHRIST!

If you listen closely, you will start noticing that these and many other terms in the Holy Scriptures that are vital to discipleship have been removed from the discussion and lectionary of most churches today.

The significant revelation that the HOLY GHOST gave me is how to use the Pattern of the OT Temple to teach NT Disciples the NT Temple Pattern, which is based in the NT Church.

This concept works by examining how GOD first gave Moses the physical Pattern of the OT Temple in excruciating detail. First, Moses was given instructions on how to build the Tabernacle and create the instruments. GOD then completed the process by giving Moses the book of Leviticus, which contained the Laws and Commandments required to govern the people's lives, the office of the priest, and the means of giving and obtaining forgiveness of sins.

The HOLY GHOST revealed that a similar model was given to the NT Disciples to enable us to learn how to live in fellowship with GOD, operate the functions of the NT Church, and minister the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST to the world.

3.1 The Pattern of the NT Temple (the NT Church)

The first part of this revelation is that the **Book of Acts contains the Pattern of the NT Church.**

The *Book of Acts* reveals everything about the NT Church, including:

- The **Commandments** that **ushered in its founding**;



- The **picture of its establishment** on the **Day of Pentecost**;
- The **characteristics** of the **NT Church** at its inception;
- The **organizational structure** that ensued;
- The **Pattern** for **teaching** and **preaching** the **Gospel**;
- The **suffering** and **victory** of **those who followed JESUS**; and
- The **powerful leading** and **guiding** of the **HOLY GHOST** in every aspect of the NT Disciples and NT Church life.

The HOLY GHOST has pressed in my heart that every NT Disciples must **study and understand how the form and function of the NT Church** are supposed to look and operate. Additionally, NT Disciples must **grow to understand the power and guiding voice of the HOLY GHOST!**

Without a deep study of the historical Pattern of the NT Church, one could easily wander aimlessly through life without ever knowing or following GOD's purpose for their life.

3.2 The Pattern of Laws and Commandments for NT Disciples

Just as GOD gave Moses Laws and Commandments to guide the Nation of Israel, the NT Disciples were given the same by JESUS through Paul, the Apostle. Paul was the Apostle chosen by JESUS CHRIST to write the guidance to the NT Church. Paul wrote extensively and provided the Laws and Commandments given to the NT Disciples to govern the lives and the NT Church.

Remember, our **RESURRECTED, and GLORIFIED SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST ONLY LEFT HEAVEN TO COME DOWN TO EARTH TO SAVE ONE SINGLE SOLITARY MAN, PAUL the Apostle. PAUL CERTIFIES in Galatians 1 (also other books) that everything that he preached and taught came directly from the LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

JESUS' calling and direction to Paul mean that if we IGNORE the writings of Paul, we are IGNORING JESUS CHRIST because PAUL was the ONE JESUS sent to the GENTILES, to KINGS, and the JEWS! (*Acts 9:15*)

Therefore, it is of the utmost urgency that NT Disciples begin to read and study the writings of Paul so **they will be prepared as wise virgins for the LORD's return**. Those who continue to ignore the writings of Paul **risk being unprepared as the five foolish virgins found themselves**.

An examination of Paul's writings reveals that he has almost singlehandedly provided all the instructions for the NT Church in his fourteen (14) epistles. If one opens the eye of their understanding, one will see that almost everything we do in the Organized Churches comes exclusively from the pen of Paul.

As a warning, it is important to note that when JESUS judges the Seven Churches in Asia, JESUS did **NOT JUDGE** them **according to the OT Laws and Commandments were given to Moses**. The judgment of the Seven Churches of Aisa is a precursor to the coming judgment of all NT Disciples and NT Churches down through the centuries. JESUS JUDGED the Seven Churches according to the NT Laws and Commandments given through the Apostles. Paul was the writer of most of the guidance given to the NT Church's Disciples. **NOTE: See Appendix A for a listing of just some of the many things we learn from JESUS through Paul.**

3.3 Steps for Discipleship



There has always been an age-old question of how one learns to become a disciple of JESUS CHRIST. Now, the HOLY GHOST has revealed the following simple but effective steps of discipleship.

- **FIRST:** Study and understand the NT Church Pattern in the *Book of Acts*; and
- **SECOND:** Study all the writings of Paul so one will be equipped to live, move, and operate in a similar pattern as outlined for the NT Church in the *Book of Acts*.

I believe this Pattern will help many to learn how to study and become true disciples of JESUS!

4 Introduction

The purpose of this study guide is to aid you in a comprehensive analysis of the Patterns woven into the text of the Holy Scriptures in the *Book of Acts*. The Book of Acts was given by GOD to the NT Church so we might learn “HOW-TO” be a NT Disciple and how to operate the NT Church in accordance with the Scriptural Pattern that JESUS has ordained.

Acts is vital because it provides the only history of “**how**” the New Testament church was:

- **Birthed and born** by the **water** and **SPIRIT**;
- How the **HOLY GHOST** guided it;
- **Pattern** for **making choices** and **decisions**;
- **Manner** and **method** through which they **preached** and **carried the Gospel**; and
- **Tens of other patterns** are woven into the page, into the text of the Scriptures, through which NT Disciples might learn to walk in the truth, power, and effectiveness of the original NT Church!

So, we need to take a super close examination of the patterns that are replicated across the text of this *Book of Acts*. It is through these patterns that we are going to begin to see how we can:

- **Apply the same patterns**;
- **Be led** by the **HOLY GHOST**;
- **Preach** and **teach** the **correct Gospel of JESUS CHRIST**; and
- **Operate our lives** and the **NT Church** according to the patterns **given** in the **Holy Scriptures**.

We learn how to be disciples by studying first the OT Temple Pattern. There we find how Moses was given specific information regarding the building of the Tabernacle. First, Moses was allowed to see the Tabernacle in heaven. Then, Moses was told to model and build the physical Tabernacle exactly like the Heavenly Tabernacle he saw in the mountain!

So as NT Disciples, The first thing we need to figure out is **what is the NT Temple equivalent to the OT Temple**. We begin to unlock that mystery as **Paul reveals that the bodies of NT Disciples are now the TEMPLE of GOD!** NT Disciple’s bodies collectively form the body of JESUS CHRIST, the NT Church. When we combine these truths, we can now equate the **OT Temple to the NT Church, composed of all Disciples’ bodies**. So, in the New Testament, **our bodies are the Tabernacle**. And the writers, Luke the Physician and Paul, the Apostle, gave



us an extensive written account of what Jesus Christ said, how He commanded the NT Church to be built, and how it was to operate.

So, the goal of our study is to discern and understand these patterns so that we might fulfill the purposes that God has purposed for us as NT Disciples in his living body of the NT Church.

5 Questions for Study

So, the HOLY GHOST was imparted to Disciples across the Book of Acts in many ways. But the next question is, what patterns do you see concerning the methods and roles through which the HOLY GHOST led and guided the NT Disciples?

For instance, the first example was when they needed to make decisions; they would pray and fast. We see them pray that GOD would guide them in choosing a replacement for Judas as one of the Twelve. The Apostles did not just arbitrarily choose someone. They prayed and asked that GOD would guide and show them whose heart was the right one to take up the bishop vacated by JUDAS when he betrayed JESUS CHRIST.

These questions should be answered for each chapter in the Book of Acts.

- 1. What Pattern do you see in how the HOLY GHOST was imparted to NT Disciples in the NT Church?**
- 2. What role did the HOLY GHOST fill in directing the lives of the NT Disciples? Please include specific examples.**
- 3. What are the organizational and functional characteristics of the NT Church as revealed in the Pattern of the NT Scriptures? Please give specific characteristics.**
 - a. One example is how they went from house to house.
- 4. What is the Pattern of worship that you see in the NT Church?**
- 5. What was the focus in the emphasis of the preaching and teaching in the *Book of Acts*?**
- 6. Describe how the message of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST was carried to the world. Please cite specific examples.**
- 7. What is the Pattern of the teaching and preaching style? How was the Gospel communicated in the *Book of Acts*?**

Additionally, look for similar, recurring patterns from previous and following chapters as you complete your study.

The goal is to develop a complete understanding of the Patterns exhibited by those in the NT Church during its earliest days.



6 Analysis Questions

Perform an analysis of the differences between today's Organized Church and the NT Church seen in the *Book of Acts*. Consider the following:

1. **How does the Pattern of Worship today differ from the Pattern of Worship in the NT Church?**
2. **How does the Organization of the Organized Church differ from the NT Church?**
3. **What is the difference between the OT Temple Patterns of Worship and Giving and the NT Church's Pattern of Worship and Giving?**
4. **What are the differences between the reasons for assembly in the OT Temple Pattern and NT Church Pattern?**
5. **What is the difference between other aspects of the OT Temple Pattern and the NT Temple Pattern?**
6. **What is the difference between the focus of the OT Temple Pattern and the NT Temple (NT Church) Pattern?**

7 Why We Need To Be Transformed

The days and times of learning “HOW-TO” “go to church” is over. We are now living in the day and time, which always means we must learn how to “be the NT Church.”

So this course of study that we will go through focuses on teaching those who want to be followers of JESUS CHRIST. It desires to teach “HOW-TO” be a true disciple. It also teaches one “HOW-TO” be the NT Church that GOD patterned and planned in the NT Scriptures; supported by the OT Scriptures; anchored to the cornerstone of JESUS CHRIST, who is the center and the focus of everything that the NT Church was meant to be.

The OT Church looked forward to JESUS CHRIST. The NT Church must continually look back to JESUS CHRIST! Everything is focused on JESUS CHRIST because He came to bring in the time of the reformation and help everyone who wants to know GOD to get to know GOD!

8 Homework Assignments

I have created these assignments to maximize your learning potential. They are not required as this is a self-study course, but we offer this for those who want to receive feedback on their study efforts.

8.1 Create Document of Characteristics and Functions of NT Church

Develop a chart or tool that helps you visualize all the characteristics and functions of the NT Church and how it operates. For example, you will witness several ways in which the HOLY GHOST was given to individuals. You will witness the forming of the NT Church, how and where they fellowshiped, how and where they met, the focus of their giving, the text of their sermons, how they dealt with persecution, how the HOLY GHOST guided them, and much, much more.



This chart or document aims to help you see and follow similar patterns as they grow and evolve across the *Book of Acts*.

8.2 Essay – 5 to 10 Pages on NT Church Pattern in *Book of Acts*

Prepare a 5 to 10-page essay on the NT Church. This paper should provide an analysis and summary of the NT Church in the *Book of Acts*. It should also include at least 1-2 pages that share what the HOLY GHOST revealed and spoke to your heart during your study.

9 Paul, Moses of the New Testament Church (Book)

This information in this study outline was extracted from the book “**Paul, the Moses of the New Testament Church.**” (ISBN: 978-1-953896-00-1) I published the book in March 2021 through our company, Galilee Publishing. You may obtain copies through our online store at <https://www.GalileePublishingShop.com>. It is also available on Amazon.com.

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10 Document Information

This outline is **Version 2** of this document and was revised on **October 1, 2022**.

11 Annual Rediscovering the Holy Scriptures Conference (Nov 2020)

The NT Church Movement sponsors the **Annual Rediscovering the Holy Scriptures Disciple’s Reformation Conference in Austin, TX**. The Annual Conference is hosted in **November** near Veterans Day Holiday.

The conference features interactive Scriptural teaching seminars designed to facilitate learning, understanding, and discussion amongst Disciples. Its goal and purpose are to aid NT Disciples in gaining insights on how to read, study, and meditate, to renew their minds through the Holy Scriptures.

The **5th Annual conference** will be held **November 18-20, 2022**. The theme is “**The Doctrine of JESUS CHRIST: Learn How to be a True Disciple.**” (*Hebrews 5:12 through 6:2*)

Our conference will be held at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas. We have chosen this site as the location of our future conferences.

Follow our Facebook page or website for registration and other details for this and future conferences.

12 Ministry Contact Information

Contact me, Ramona, and our ministry, NT Church Movement. We pray that you are blessed by the information we provide to build and equip the Kingdom of GOD and our LORD JESUS CHRIST!

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13 Ministry Support

The purpose of the NT Church Movement Ministry is to encourage the discipleship and growth of NT Disciples by promoting the reading, studying, and meditating of the Holy Scriptures.

NT Church Movement provides free tools and resources to equip NT Disciples with the knowledge and information needed to do self-study or group-study of the Holy Scriptures in their homes or churches worldwide.

We aim to make as many materials as possible freely available in keeping with the TRUTHS of the Holy Scriptures. When JESUS sent His disciples forth, He instructed them: "Freely ye have received, freely give!" (*St. Matt. 10:8*) JESUS also teaches that if we go into the vineyard and work, He will pay us whatever is right. (*St. Matt. 20:1-4*)

We believe that if we work faithfully in the vineyard of the Kingdom of GOD, GOD will provide all that we need and cause others to send support as He leads.

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All donations go directly to support this ministry and enable us to continue to make the literature, materials, website, and evangelist outreach efforts going.

Most importantly, we pray that you grow in the knowledge of the LORD and are blessed by our work for the LORD!



14 APPENDIX A: Listing - Paul's Teachings

I will now list just some of the many Laws, Commandments, and Instructions that JESUS instructed Paul to give to the NT Church.

- **Fruit of the SPIRIT** (*Gal. 5:22-23*);
- **Works of the flesh** (*Gal. 5:19-21*)
- **Love's definition** (*1 Cor. 13*);
- **The Church's organization and purpose** (*Eph. 4:11-16, 1 Cor. 12:28-31*);
- **Body of CHRIST** (*1 Cor. 12:12-27, Rom. 12:4-5*);
- **Guidance for Elders** (*1 Tim. 5*);
- **Gifts and callings** (*1 Cor. 12:1-11, Rom. 12:6-8*);
- **Understanding of death** (*1 Cor. 15*);
- **Being Caught up with Christ (Rapture)** (*1 Thess. 4:13-17*)
- **The Whole Armor of GOD** (*Eph. 6:11-18*);
- **Office of a Bishop** (*1 Tim. 3:1-7*);
- **Office of a Deacon** (*1 Tim. 3:8-13*);
- **Office of an Elder** (*1 Pet. 5:1-5*);
- **LORD's Supper** (*1 Cor. 11:23-32*);
- **Marriage** (*Eph. 5:21-31, 1 Cor. 7*)
- **Family responsibilities** (*Eph. 6:1-9*);
- **Definition of the Gospel** (*Rom. 1*);
- **Faith** (*Heb. 11*);
- **Justification through faith** (*Rom. 5*);
- **Purpose of the Law** (*Rom. 7, Gal. 3*);
- **Salvation** (*Rom. 12*);
- **The Body is the temple of GOD** (*1 Cor. 6*); and
- **Mystery of God** (*1 Tim. 3:16*).

And this is a list of some of the mysteries that were not known until Paul revealed them:

- **Mystery of Israel's election, how Gentiles are grafted in** (*Rom. 11:25*);
- **Mystery of the Gospel** (*Rom. 16:25*);
- **Mystery of GOD's wisdom regarding CHRIST crucifixion** (*1 Cor. 6-8*);
- **Paul's stewardship of the mysteries of GOD** (*1 Cor. 4:1*);
- **Speaking mysteries in the SPIRIT** (*1 Cor. 14:2*);
- **Mystery of death** (*1 Cor. 15:51-54*);
- **Paul's knowledge of the mystery of CHRIST** (*Eph. 3:1-7*);
- **Mystery of fellowship** (*Eph. 3:8-12*);
- **Mystery of the Marriage and the Church of JESUS CHRIST** (*Eph. 5:31-33*);
- **Mystery of the Gospel** (*Eph. 6:19-20*);



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- **Mystery of the Gospel** (*Col 1.23-29*);
- **Mystery of GOD, of the FATHER, and JESUS CHRIST** (*Col 2.1-4*);
- **Mystery of Iniquity** (*2 Thess. 2:7-12*); and
- **Mystery of Godliness** (*1 Tim 3:16*).