

# The Pattern of Sound Words

2 Tim. 1:13

## Introduction:

- A. Building according to the pattern (cf. Heb. 8:5) include pattern of sound words (cf. 1 Pet. 4:11)
- B. Words are important.
  - 1. Our words will be important in the day of judgment (Matt. 12:36, 37).
  - 2. Jesus' words will be important in the day of judgment (John 12:48).
  - 3. Sound words are important to sound doctrine. (Cf. 2 Tim. 1:13; 4:2,3)
    - a. The very words of the Bible are inspired of God (1 Cor. 2:13).
    - b. The exact words of the Bible are important (Gal. 3:16; Heb. 7:14; 8:13).
- C. The pattern of sound words can be violated when::

## Discussion:

### I. Scriptural Words Are Used in an Unscriptural Way.

- A. "Church"
  - 1. Scripturally used for local and universal called out assembly (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 1:2).
  - 2. Unscripturally used for a denomination, the ecumenical church, a building, etc.
- B. "Baptism"
  - 1. Scripturally used for emersion in water (Acts 8:36-38; Rom. 6:4).
  - 2. Unscripturally used for sprinkling and pouring.
- C. "Pastor", "Bishop", "elder"
  - 1. Scripturally used for the same office (Acts 20:17,28; 1 Pet. 5:1-2; Tit 1:5,7).
  - 2. Unscripturally used for different and distinct offices.
- D. "Fellowship"
  - 1. Scripturally used for spiritual sharing and communion (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:5-7).
  - 2. Unscripturally used for church sponsored social and recreational activities.

### II. Unscriptural Words are used for Scriptural Things.

- A. Lord's suppers sometimes called "Eucharist"
- B. Place of assembly called "sanctuary".
- C. Preaching/teaching called "witnessing"

### III. Holy and Solemn Words Are Used in Profane Way.

- A. God's name is too holy to be profaned (Ex. 20:7).
- B. Some words are too solemn to be profaned — heaven, hell, damned.
- C. Even "polite cussing" is open to question: Gosh, golly, Gee, darn.

### IV. One Strives about Words to No Profit. (2 Tim. 2:14).

- A. Arguing over the difference in "believing ON" (ASV) and "believing IN" (KJV) (John 3:16)
- B. Arguing over wording on a sign.
- C. Arguing over "bread" or "loaf"
- D. Arguing over "unto" or "into" (Rom. 10:10; Rom 6:3; Acts 2:38).

## Conclusion:

- A. Let us use sound words that cannot be condemned.
- B. Let us speak where Bible speaks ... and call Bible things by Bible names.
- C. Let us not be careful with our words, be careful not to strive about words to no profit.