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Romans 1:5

Through Christ **we** (*Paul's team*) **have received grace and apostleship for the OBEDIENCE TO THE FAITH among all nations** (i.e.: *ethné*) **for His Name**

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Romans 15:18-20

For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the OBEDIENCE of the Gentiles by word and deed, ¹⁹ in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ. ²⁰ And thus I aspired to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation . . .

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So, What are we To Obey, so that we are following and obeying Christ regarding the Great Commission?

ANSWER: The Word of God, the Bible, ALONE & ONLY

Clarification, please ... 2 Corinthians 1:20, helps us

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2 Corinthians 1:20 - For ALL the PROMISES of God, in Christ, are Yes, and in Him, Amen, to the glory of God through us.

We must find out which Promises, and then which Precepts/Commands of God, which Biblical Pinciples, and which Biblical Patterns apply to us, as Christians, New Covenant, Born Again, Disciples/Followers of Christ

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Example: Aaron's sons, the tabernacle, etc.

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PRECEPTS → Clear, Direct Commands ...

When Jesus said, "You have heard it said, but I SAY UNTO YOU"

"A New Commandment I give unto you ..."

When Jesus and/or His Apostles say something like that ...

Clear, Plain Reading ... Nothing to Interpret, just read and DO

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We are to Follow and Obey The Apostles Teachings / Doctrines

**Acts 2:42 → They were continually devoting themselves to the
APOSTLES' TEACHING**

**Where are the Apostles' Teachings found? Romans thru Jude
Just like those 3000 new disciples, we need to do so, as well.**

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The Command may be found ONLY in the New Testament.

Thus, we need to really read, study, understand and know Romans thru Jude ... and then view the Gospels, Acts and the whole Old Testament through the lens of Romans thru Jude.

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PRINCIPLES → Wisdom and Understandings, based upon what the Scriptures say and how they are applied. We see this in the book of Proverbs, mostly. But, we can, also, find and glean principles from repeated Scriptural Passages, Biblical historical stories, and themes. The Principles in the Bible helps us know how to LIVE, how to Follow God in Christ, how to love fellow humans, how to avoid dangerous situations, helps us know how to think about certain things, etc. They have some “generalities”

Examples of Principles

Titus 2:11–14

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

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Examples of Principles

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

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Examples of Principles

There are NO commands in the Bible against Smoking

Thus, based upon Principles found here:

1 Corinthians 6:15 → Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

and

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 → Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

→ I can safely say that Smoking is not a godly thing to do based upon BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE

Examples of Patterns

PATTERNS: What do we see in Scripture that have consistent Patterns, Precedence, Persistence ...?

As to priority – Patterns are the lowest priority of helping us Obey Christ.

We should always start with PRECEPTS – Clear Commands that actually apply to us in the New Covenant in Christ.

Then, secondarily or in conjunction with Precepts, we should stick to the Principles, clear, Biblical Principles

Then, lastly, PATTERNS ... we must see the Patterns as the “children” of Precepts and Principles ... as HOW those Precepts and Principles are “fleshed out” – how they can be actionable.

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What we see ... in the Old and New Testaments ...

Patterns of how God does what He does

Patterns of God's Faithfulness, Trustworthiness, His Response to people, groups, nations – regarding their behavior, obedience and/or their disobedience (how does God respond, etc.)

Example: Read Exodus through 2 Chronicles – you get a good overview of God's Patterns

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Hebrews 11 gives us a list of those “Heroes of the Faith” or the Hall of Faith, etc. – Study the lives of those folks and you see the Patterns of Godly Behavior – and “catch” the Principles of Living

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The Book of Acts – we can see what God approved of, supported, and led the church in, in the Book of Acts – what He approved of as patterns, such as Meeting Publicly and from House to House.

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Patterns that God did approve of ...

Are Backed up with Clear Commands (PRECEPTS) and Clear Biblical Principles

We look to see how God's People Obeyed God's Precepts and Principles by their Actions – Patterns of Consistently Obedient Actions

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PATTERNS: What do we see in Scripture that have consistent Patterns, Precedence, Persistence ...?

Patterns that God did NOT approve of ...

We see God judging, punishing, warning, admonishing, sending prophets, etc. If folks continued in disobedience in their rebellious patterns of behavior against God and His laws, God usually end up punishing those folks.

The BIGGIES → IDOLATRY and IMMORALITY

Thus, we need to **AVOID** these Rebellious Patterns and seek to Follow God, based upon the Precepts, Principles, and Patterns that He approves of.

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Precepts/Commands of God, Biblical Principles, and Biblical Patterns that apply to us, as Christians, New Covenant, Born Again, Disciples/Followers of Christ

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Seeking to Obey God, in this Way ... will result in Success in God's eyes ... This helps us get a Grip on God's Word and helps us to Obey God, in Christ, better.



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