



## **Apostles and Prophets are in Today's Churches Now!**

Everything written in the New Testament Apostles are just as valid and needed as pastors today!

There were far more than 12 apostles listed after the resurrection. There are at least 19 specific apostles mentioned after the resurrection of Jesus, and probably many more. Few letters and facts survive to inform us today because of the severe systematic genocide and religious persecution by the Roman Empire and by the Jews where all the writings of the early church were destroyed except for the few letters which are called the "closed canon" New Testament of the Holy Bible.

1 Corinthians 15:3\* For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4\* and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

5\* and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

6\* After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once,

of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

7\* After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ["then by ALL the apostles," after James, the twelve and the group of over five hundred disciples. There could of been a hundred apostles present at that time or at various times, or it could of been a reference to the vision "mirror obscurely" or KJV's "glass darkly" reference to how Christians are to seek the face of God daily in our lives.]

8\* Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

9\* For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”

1. The original Twelve 2. Matthias, the replacement for Judas 3. Paul, as the least of the apostles (1Corinthians 15:9) 4. Andronicus and Junia (Romans 16:7 - Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles...”)

5. Barnabas, in one place with Paul (Acts 14:14 – “Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul...”)

6. James, the Lord’s brother (Galatians 1:19) 7. Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our profession (Hebrews 3:1)

There were, as you can see, men besides the Twelve who were called apostles. However, apostles may be more common as some think.

Andronicus and Junia were called apostles in Romans 16:7 as they were “NOTABLE among the apostles.” Apostle Junia was a woman as it was a woman’s name. If they

were just saints and layman ministry disciples it would not of been of special note among the apostles.

Apostle Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit writes Apostle Matthias was numbered among the twelve in 1 Cor 15:5 and only includes himself after mentioning additional unnamed apostles which included Apostle Barnabas mentioned as being as qualified as Apostle Matthias.

In Acts 1:26 where the apostles, trained by Jesus Himself, cast their lots, and in the O.T. “every decision of the lot is from the Lord.” Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.” Every decision of the lot was God’s Judgment and not a mere lottery ticket as today’s preachers ridicule God’s Will. Probably every lot in the toss fell on Matthias as it was a miracle of God.

Apostle Paul said he was not less than the Super Apostles or Apostles of the Lamb, however those twelve positions were scriptural for the earthly ministry of God Incarnate and memorialized in the twelve foundational stones of the city of the New Jerusalem vision in Rev 21:19. The number twelve is a type and symbol of heavenly completeness. Just as there is no record of pastors being replaced in the surviving scriptures or of prophets, there are no surviving records of apostles of the apostles who did not physically walked with Christ two thousand years ago. Ephesians 4 makes it clear apostles and prophets and pastors are here to stay until the Holy Spirit finishes God Almighty's ministry here on earth as long as Mankind exists on this physical earth, and perhaps even longer if God wills it.

Christians have to decide in their hearts whether to listen to the Holy Spirit and Apostle Paul in his writings or listen to “other voices” such as their local pastor’s antithetical heresies in the doctrine of today’s apostles in the churches.

The New Testament teaches that the Super apostles of Christ are persons to whom Christ appeared after His resurrection and whom He commissioned to be His personal spokesmen. Later Apostles that see Jesus in visions and as a mirror obscurely as only apostles and NOT apostles of the Lamb which are also called Super Apostles in the greek manuscripts. (Acts 1:21-26; 5:32; 1 Cor. 9:1; 15:8). Ephesians 2:20 and 3:5 teach that the apostles and prophets had foundational offices through which Christ established the church as the people of God, a church in which both Jews and Gentiles make up the singular body of Christ. All saints need to be equipped for the ministry of Jesus Christ today! To teach contrary is the sin of unbelief, or unwillingness to serve Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, except in a limited manner, on their own artificial terms and sinful conditions. Jesus said “ woe to you because of your traditions” and Jesus meant it. False traditions of churches today teaching against the existence of contemporary apostles over the centuries are only working to bring down the churches and spread the sin of unbelief among God’s saints.

Ephesians 2:20\* “being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone;

21\* in whom each several building, fitly framed together, growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

22\* in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.”

Ephesians 3: 5\* “which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit.” These revelations are to made to Apostles and Prophets in the Spirit today and after the resurrection of Jesus.

Apostles and Prophets are critical to God and Jesus Christ’s spiritual and doctrinal revelations. To reject Apostles today is to reject the light of God as Moses was required to wear a veil because the people did not want God’s light in their lives. The Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ written by Apostle John in the Holy Bible was a special revelation entrusted to God’s Apostles and Prophets. Apostles and Prophets are “GIFTS” from God and Jesus Christ to the Body of Christ to equip the saints today.

Churches today that teach heresies about apostles may not even have the gift of the Holy Spirit that is given by the laying on of hands through the Apostles today.

As Apostle Paul wrote he wished he was there with you so he may impart a spiritual gift as the Holy Spirit leads sometimes requiring “laying on of hands.” Romans 1:11\* For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established.” If Christians wish to be established in God, they must cherish the ministry of apostles today!

Ac 8:18\* Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he [sinfully] offered them money.” Sometimes it is critical today to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the apostles’ hands for

that is how God gives the Holy Spirit, then and now in today's churches.

2Ti 1:6\* For which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee through the laying on of my hands.” Sometimes special gifts are given as to Pastor Timothy through the laying on of hands by Apostle Paul.

Apostles are just as critically needed for this generation for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the gift of God today as when Apostle Paul laid on hands on Pastor Timothy!

Apostles do Holy Spirit “signs and wonders.” Ac 14:3\* “Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.”

Ro 15:19\* in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”

2Co 12:12\* Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.”

Apostles are spiritual fathers as Apostle Paul said of himself: 1Co 4:15\* For though ye have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I begat you through the gospel.” As The Holy Spirit conceived the baby Jesus with the Holy Seed [greek: sperma] is what spiritually conceives and creates Christians and it is important His spiritual seed continues to remain in us.

Jesus said you would have new mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers for His sake if you left all and follow Him.

Mark 10:29 So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s,

30\* “who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life.”

Ephesians 4:7-8, 11 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men” ... [v11] It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers.”

As Acts 1 has written the Apostles of the Lamb were apostles before Jesus Christ ascended on high. Giving Apostles after the resurrection until we ALL become perfect and mature and not merely the supposed closed canon of Scripture.

These men of the first century and today were not apostles simply because they were sent by God. They had authority with God in the early church and the church today and work on a level field with the other apostles when they are actually in the “Office of the apostle.” The title of apostle is not being used in some watered-down, generic sense. These men did the works of an apostle and had the authority of the apostles.

Just as the prophets and prophetesses attended church in Corinth, “Let the prophets judge,” not all prophets and prophetesses have

an office of prophet and the same is true of apostles, there are many saints with gifts of being an apostle, however have not matured to actually being in an church office called of God as an apostle. For example Paul said he would never appoint a woman [apostle] to be in authority over a man.

Not all apostles are in the spiritual and biblical office of apostles and not all apostles are in Truth in the Holy Spirit, but are false apostles. The Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ the faithful witnesses will lead and guide you into all truth as you are faithful and diligent to seek the face of our Heavenly Father 24/7 as the Bible has written, “Pray Always,” and just as angels are always in the presence of our Heavenly Father as Jesus said, so also as we are “seated in Heavenly places with Him” so we are to “see visions” and “dream dreams” and as Jesus said, “I always do what I see My Father doing,” so also today’s apostles are to be walking in the Spirit, and do as the visions of our Heavenly Father command us to as often as God wishes. True Apostles and Prophets hear the voice of God as Jesus said “My Sheep hear my voice.”

Ephesians 4:11\* “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12\* for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13\* till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

14\* that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

15\* but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

16\* from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

17\* This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

18\* having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

19\* who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20\* But you have not so learned Christ,

21\* if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22\* that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23\* and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24\* and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

25\* Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.”

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21\* if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus.”

Jesus Christ Himself teaches true Christians that actually take time to hear Him!

29\* Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

30\* Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

31\* But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.” The Way of God’s Love.

8\* Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9\* For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10\* But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

11\* When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12\* For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13\* And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” In 1 Cor 12:8-10 When ALL earthly knowledge is done away with, then there will be no more apostles, pastors or churches on this earth. ONLY then will there be no true apostles left on this earth, and not just in the first century, but apostles are needed just as much today by today’s churches!

There can be no other foundation laid other than Jesus Christ, and that foundation has yet to be laid in many lives.

Only when this earth and libraries of knowledge are gone will there be no need for prophesying, prophets, and apostles, but until then the churches are sinning by rejecting God and Jesus Himself

in many cases as the light of God leaves some of the churches of the USA forever. The first three chapters of the Book of Revelation shows God carries out His threat of removing the "lamp-stands" and His Holy Light from unrepentant churches that used to exist and from today's unrepentant Christian churches.

Finally brethren, "test all things, hold fast to what is good and true." Amen

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