

The image features a quote by Thomas Jefferson in large, white, bold, sans-serif font with a black drop shadow. The quote is set against a background that includes a blurred American flag and a scroll of the original Declaration of Independence. The scroll is partially unrolled, showing the words 'We the People' in large, elegant cursive script. Below the main quote, the name 'Thomas Jefferson' is written in a smaller, brown, serif font. The overall composition is patriotic and emphasizes the historical significance of the text.

The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions that I wish it to be always kept alive.

Thomas Jefferson

Apostles

Part 2

The Apostolic Church

Matthew 10:1-2 (v.1-10)

¹ And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these ...

Matthew 10:1-10

Apostles are:

- Called of Christ (v.1)
- Disciples (followers of Christ, v.1)
- Given Power over demons, sickness and disease (v.1)
- Sent Out with a Command (mandate, v.5)

Matthew 10:1-10

Also:

- They are to Preach the “Kingdom of Heaven” (v.7)
- Have supernatural power to “heal the sick, cleansed the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons” (v.8)
- Have supernatural provision from God (v.9-10)

What is an Apostolic Church?

Order or Pattern for an Apostolic Church:

- 1. Called out of the present religious order [Pastoral Church Pattern]**
- 2. Empowered for their territorial mission (through the Apostle/Fivefold over them)**
- 3. Instructed and Equipped (as in Eph 4:11)**
- 4. Sent Out (into the region they are placed in, and the world)**
- 5. Live out the Kingdom**
- 6. Every member move in power to heal and deliver**
- 7. Have supernatural provision (miracles)**

Why do we need Apostles today?

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:4-6

4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,
"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHIEF CORNERSTONE,
ELECT, PRECIOUS, AND HE WHO BELIEVES ON
HIM WILL BY NO MEANS BE PUT TO SHAME."

Why do we need Apostolic Churches?

An Apostolic church is to do for the territory what an Apostle is to do for a church.

Why do we need Apostolic churches? So the foundation of Christ may be established in entire regions.

What does an Apostolic church do?

An Apostolic church:

1. Lays (and determines) the spiritual foundation of the territory
2. Fathers the people of the territory (providing direction, guidance, and a spiritual covering)
3. Brings revelation to the people of the territory (by becoming a Lampstand church)
4. Rules as the spiritual head of the territory

Conclusion:

Acts 6:1-8

¹ Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

Acts 6:1-8 (continued)

² Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

³ Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

Acts 6:1-8 (continued)

⁴ but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

Acts 6:1-8 (continued)

⁶ whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

⁷ Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

**DOES THE GOVERNMENT FEAR US? OR DO WE FEAR
THE GOVERNMENT? WHEN THE PEOPLE FEAR THE
GOVERNMENT, TYRANNY HAS FOUND VICTORY. THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS OUR SERVANT, NOT OUR
MASTER!**

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