



The Apostle

Part 1

What is an Apostle?

*The simple definition of an Apostle is,
“A sent-out one”, or, “one that is sent
with a mandate from God.”*

Apostles are to be the Head of the Church (under Jesus)

1 Corinthians 12:28

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Very Important:

This is not about the importance of the person (we are all important), but it is about proper authority and responsibility.

The 12 Apostles (the first apostles)

Matthew 10:1-10

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.

Matthew 10:1-10 (continued)

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

Matthew 10:1-10 (continued)

4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 10:1-10 (continued)

7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:1-10 (continued)

9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,

10 nor bag for *your* journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

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)

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)

Apostles are Spiritual Fathers

1 Corinthians 4: 15-17

15 For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

17 For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

**The need for spiritual fathers
cannot be overstated!**

1 Corinthians 4:14

I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn *you*.

1 Corinthians 4:17

For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

2 Corinthians 12:14

Now *for* the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

Titus 1:4

To Titus, a true son in *our* common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John 2:12

I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

1 John 2:13

I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 John 3:7

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

1 John 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 5:21

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

3 John 1:4

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Apostles - *as a Father* - Establish the Church

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,

Ephesians 2:19-22 (continued)

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.

Once the Foundation is Laid

Romans 1:11-12

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—

12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Apostles Set things in Order

Titus 1:4-5

4 To Titus, a true son in *our* common faith:
Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.
5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you
should set in order the things that are
lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I
commanded you—

Titus 1:7

For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money

In this passage the position of Elder and Bishop are the same.

Hebrews 3:1-2

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house.

