



**Scriptures and Doctrine :: New Apostles**

**New Apostles - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2008/6/22 7:17**

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Eddie

**Re: New Apostles - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/6/22 8:29**

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That was a qualification to have been one of the 12 apostles. But what of the apostles Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, Silus/Silvanus, Adronicus, Junias, Apollos, and James the Lord's brother? None of them were thus qualified, yet, the Lord continued to raise up apostles even after the 12.

While what you say is partially true regarding the purpose of apostolic ministry, the apostle Paul himself offers a better purpose for the ministry of an apostle, which extends past the first century...

Ephesians 4:11

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

4:12

for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

4:13

until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Apostles (along with other ministries) are given for the basic purpose of equipping the body of Christ (vv. 11-12) until we all attain to a corporate maturity. Since we have yet all to attain to this corporate maturity, the ministry of apostle has continued. It will continue UNTIL we attain this.

**Re: - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2008/6/22 11:47**

Reply to KingJimmy

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Respectfully, Eddie

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My point is Paul was but one of at least a dozen other apostles named in Scripture. The uniqueness of his apostolic ministry which served as the spearhead of world missions, as great as that is, doesn't change the fact that there were other apostles outside of the twelve and him.

Indeed, God continues to raise up apostles even in our own generation, and will continue to do so until the body of Christ attains to the fullness of the stature of Christ. We simply term these apostles as "missionaries." In fact, the word "missionary" has its linguistic roots in the word "apostle." But for whatever reason, we prefer the word "missionary," though the Scriptures never use this phrase. Yet we continue to affirm the calling of many as a missionary. And why do we do this in spite of there being no Scriptural support for the ministry of a "missionary?" Because when it all boils down to it, whatever title we may slap on them, we recognize these men and women who are called of God as walking in the modern day apostolic calling.

**Re: - posted by wta (), on: 2008/6/22 22:47**

No question, a close study of church history shows there have been many with the gift of apostle including other biblical names mentioned such as Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, Titus, etc... Many more early church fathers were also apostles but all of them submitted to Mat 23:8-10 commands that we are all brothers and not to take titles so because of apostolic humility they present themselves as bond slaves or brothers...

Here is a link to the letters that weren't canonized but are still known as authentic early church leaders' letters...

<http://www.ccel.org/fathers.html>

The following is proof text that we still to this day are having the Lord add to the body apostles as I'm sure we all agree that the follow has not been fulfilled yet...

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Eph 4:13 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;

Eph 4:14 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,

Eph 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph 4:16 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.

All for souls,

wta

**Re: - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2008/6/23 10:45**

Reply

Romans

17-18

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

I believe what is clearly stated, they all have heard.

Eddie

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/6/23 12:35

The New Testament speaks of 21 apostles: Matthais, Paul, Barnabas, Apollos, Andronicus, Justus.. "they were cheif amongst the apostles.."

Hippolytus one of the early church fathers lists 70 apostles:

### **The 70 Apostles**

*by Hippolytus*

The Same Hippolytus on The Seventy Apostles.

James the Lord's brother, bishop of Jerusalem.

Cleopas, bishop of Jerusalem.

Matthias, who supplied the vacant place in the number of the twelve apostles.

Thaddeus, who conveyed the epistle to Augarus.

Ananias, who baptized Paul, and was bishop of Damascus.

Stephen, the first martyr.

Philip, who baptized the eunuch.

Prochorus, bishop of Nicomedia, who also was the first that departed, believing together with his daughters.

Nicanor died when Stephen was martyred.

Timon, bishop of Bostra.

Parmenas, bishop of Soli.

Nicolaus, bishop of Samaria.

Barnabas, bishop of Milan.

Mark the evangelist, bishop of Alexandria.

Luke the evangelist.

These two belonged to the seventy disciples who were scattered by the offence of the word which Christ spoke, "Except a man eat my flesh, and drink my blood, he is not worthy of me." But the one being induced to return to the Lord by Peter's instrumentality, and the other by Paul's, they were honored to preach that Gospel on account of which they also suffered martyrdom, the one being burned, and the other being crucified on an olive tree.

Silas, bishop of Corinth.

Silvanus, bishop of Thessalonica.

Crisces (Crescens), bishop of Carchedon in Gaul.

Epaenetus, bishop of Carthage.

Andronicus, bishop of Pannonia.

Amplias, bishop of Odyssus.

Urban, bishop of Macedonia.

Stachys, bishop of Byzantium.

Barnabas, bishop of Heraclea.

Phygellus, bishop of Ephesus. He was of the party also of Simon.

Hermogenes. He, too, was of the same mind with the former.

Demas, who also became a priest of idols.

Apelles, bishop of Smyrna.

Aristobulus, bishop of Britain.

Narcissus, bishop of Athens.

Herodion, bishop of Tarsus.

Agabus the prophet.

Rufus, bishop of Thebes.

Asyncritus, bishop of Hyrcania.

Phlegon, bishop of Marathon.

Hermes, bishop of Dalmatia.

Patrobulus, bishop of Puteoli.  
Hermas, bishop of Philippi.  
Linus, bishop of Rome.  
Caius, bishop of Ephesus.  
Philologus, bishop of Sinope.  
Olympus and Rhodion were martyred in Rome.  
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Lucius, bishop of Laodicea in Syria.  
Jason, bishop of Tarsus.  
Sosipater, bishop of Iconium.  
Tertius, bishop of Iconium.  
Erastus, bishop of Panellas.  
Quartus, bishop of Berytus.  
Apollo, bishop of Caesarea.  
Cephas.  
Sosthenes, bishop of Colophonias.  
Tychicus, bishop of Colophonias.  
Epaphroditus, bishop of Andriace.  
Caesar, bishop of Dyrrachium.  
Mark, cousin to Barnabas, bishop of Apollonia.  
Justus, bishop of Eleutheropolis.  
Artemas, bishop of Lystra.  
Clement, bishop of Sardinia.  
Onesiphorus, bishop of Corone.  
Tychicus, bishop of Chalcedon.  
Carpus, bishop of Berytus in Thrace.  
Evodus, bishop of Antioch.  
Aristarchus, bishop of Apamea.  
Mark, who is also John, bishop of Bibloulpolis.  
Zenas, bishop of Diospolis.  
Philemon, bishop of Gaza.  
Aristarchus  
Pudes  
Trophimus, who was martyred along with Paul.

from: <http://biblefacts.org/history/70.html>

**Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2008/6/23 14:45**

**Romans 16:7** Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.  
FYI, Junia was a woman also.

**Re: New Apostles - posted by wta (), on: 2008/6/23 16:14**

Quote:

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When I first started studying scripture and read this the above verse I instantly concluded as you did rowdy2 because this verse on it's own logically seems to mean that this was the clear and defining definition for being an apostle. What I've learned though is that all scripture has to be balanced on a topic to define doctrine. Due to so many other verses we can see that the above verse is only applicable to replacing Judas's office and not for being a defining factor for all apostles.

All for souls,

wta

**Re: - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2008/6/24 7:46**

I find that I am still unswayed by your arguments.

I believe the Jesus the Chief Apostle and the twelve Apostles are the Foundational Rocks that Christ's Church was built upon and we that precede them are builders.

1 Corinthians 3  
10-23 KJV

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

Eddie

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/6/24 8:12**

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But the problem is, the Scriptures name more than Jesus Christ and the twelve apostles as such. If you are not persuaded, it is because you are not looking at the Scriptures closely enough. Brother, consider:

Acts 14:14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out

This is the first instance in Scripture that the apostle Paul is called an apostle. Yet, he is not called an apostle apart from Barnabas being called such as well. Notice the word in the above verse is plural: apostles. Therefore, if you conclude that there were only Jesus and the twelve, your conclusion is inconsistent with the testimony of Scripture, and needs to be reworked.

Furthermore, the passage you cite from 1 Corinthians 3 is inclusive of the apostolic ministry of Paul's fellow apostle, Apollos, who he compares to the apostle Peter and himself.

**Re: - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2008/6/24 10:26**

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Eddie

**Re: to all - posted by rbanks, on: 2008/6/24 11:18**

On the IPHC.org website there is a link call Apostolic Task Force Paper. There has been much study concerning apostles by IPHC preachers and this is their report and has been adopted.

There is a summary you can read. You will notice there are 3 levels of apostles. The foremost Apostle, Jesus Christ, the foundation apostles, and the functional apostles are their findings.

This report helps to clear up a lot of error today concerning new apostles. Today apostles are functional and can have the same anointing, same ministry, except no one has the right to extend on the foundation that has already been laid which is Jesus Christ.

Any so called apostle, who claims more than, or can add to the original, are false apostles.  
Flee from them! -rbanks

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Well said rowdy2, glad to hear revelation and light has come to you on this. I thank the Lord for His word and His grace to lead us unto all truth.

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**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/6/24 18:53**

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I am glad you agree :-)

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I haven't read the article you cite, but I agree with their conclusions. It is clear from Scripture there are these 3 levels of apostleship. One being Christ Himself, two being the twelve, and then three being everybody else that has come since. Obviously, nobody can take the place of Christ.

The twelve existed not only to lay the foundation of the church and what it is to believe, but, according to Christ, in the resurrection they will sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Thus, their ministry cannot be fulfilled by any others but themselves. Such would also suggest why the ministry of the twelve had primarily to do with the Jews, and not the Gentiles (though, that is not to say there was no crossover, obviously there was).

Then the next level of "apostle" would be those men and women who continue to function in an apostolic calling. That is, they embody in themselves the quality of person a Christian is supposed to be, and are "foundational" in nature. Generally speaking, they will be pioneer missionaries/church planters who seek to establish the name of Christ where Christ is not already named, and they will seek to build up and edify already existing churches.

In brief, that is what an apostle does. For much weightier statements regarding apostolic ministry, see various sermons by Art Katz. Stay away from the likes of so-called apostles who associate themselves with C. Peter Wagner and company, who, in my opinion, are false apostles. They are men who are anything but apostolic.