

"Biblical Apostles"

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You know that traditions of men make the word of God of none effect

Galatians 1:14

The Catholics are big on traditions they claim that traditions given by their apostles trump God's Word no apostle of God will contradict God's Word!

Paul's zeal for traditions caused him to persecute the church of God (Catholics & others still do...)

II Thessalonians 2:15 We have all the epistles now...

- The Early Believers Received The Holy Ghost By the Apostles

Acts 8:18

Acts 10:44-48

Things are already beginning to change. When Peter preached these Gentiles had the Holy Ghost fall on them no hands were laid on them. The Jews were astonished. The tongues were not for ~~the~~ Cornelius, but for the unbelieving Jews...

Paul could heal at the beginning of his ministry, but by the end he tells Timothy that he should drink grape juice for his often infirmities (ITim 5:23). Even Paul ~~was~~ had infirmities that weren't healed by laying on of hands or the physician that traveled everywhere with him. The Cold had a worse effect on him at the end of his ministry II 4:13 & 21 he asked for the cloke..before winter...

The point is that Paul was the last apostle. There were no more appointed in the Bible, and there are none today. No one meets the qualifications...

But if the Devil can get people to trust an apostle then they don't need God's Word... An apostle had direct revelation from God...

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Revelation 2:1-7

Look especially at verse #2 "and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:"

The Lord commended the church at Ephesus for a few reasons but one that we will focus on is trying those that say they are apostles and are not.

We are going to do a study on Biblical Apostles. We need to know what the Bible says about apostles, because you will find people or groups of people that follow "apostles" or even say they are apostles.

You need to know so that you will not be deceived by a false prophet or teacher [II Corinthians 11:13-15]

There were then, and there definitely are false apostles today that have made themselves into the apostles of Christ. They are of their father the Devil (Jn 8:44) he transforms himself into an angel of light. So don't be surprised that he has ministers. We need to be on the look out for them coming into our midst, into our church acting like they are in agreement with this book and our Saviour but are not!

I John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

The trouble is that they don't stay in the world, they creep into a good Bible believing church to reek havoc on Bible doctrine. [Galatians 2:4] They put people into bondage not liberty. Andersonites don't claim to be apostles, but they creep into churches and take over...

We need to know the book so we can keep Bible doctrine in our church.

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The title Apostle is a New Testament term. The word and position is not found in the Old Testament at all. It is found 80x in the N.T.

- The Apostle Hebrews 3:1 Christ Jesus is the Apostle of our profession. That explains why people and denominations ^{falsely} claim to be apostles. It is anti-Christ. II Jn 7 talks about many deceivers and calls them anti-Christ. Calling someone an apostle today is an attack on the Apostle and His church.

- The Qualifications for an Apostle Acts 1:15-26
vs 20 They are looking for someone to replace Judas the traitor. 21-22 Give us the qualifications for an apostle 1) They had to be there on earth from the baptism of John, 2) Witness the Resurrection of Jesus

Now some people think that the eleven got ahead of God and picked these two and that it should have been Paul.

Acts 6:2 + 6 Calls Matthias one of the 12 + an apostle.

Paul was too "born out of due season". He didn't believe until after the resurrection but he met the qualifications (Acts 9).

So that debunks "apostolic succession" of the Catholic church, ^{Eastern} Orthodox, ^{some} Episcopalians, ^{some} Lutherans, Mormons, Benny Hinn claims to be an apostle ...

But you see how none of them can be, they don't meet the qualifications of Acts 1. II Cor 11:13-15 ^{says} ~~that~~ "made themselves"

- Biblical Apostleship Only Comes From God Almighty
Romans 1:4-5 I Corinthians 12:28-29 Acts 10:38-42 ^{"chosen" of God}
^{The Bible calls them the foundation.}
Apostles were the foundation Ephesians 2:19-22 I Cor 12:28 ^{1st apostles}
- God Chose the 12 Apostles From All His Disciples Luke 6:13
Not all the disciples were apostles.

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- God Chose More Than 12 Apostles (Jn 6:70 Jesus chose 12 + 1 was added)

We already read where God chose Matthias (Acts 1). Paul was chosen Galatians 1:1, Rom 1:1, I Cor 1:1, Eph. 1:1, Col 1:1, I Tim 1:1, II Tim 1:1, Titus 1:1 all say he was "chosen", "called" or "by the will of God"

Acts 14:14 Says that Paul + Barnabas were both apostles. Romans 16:7 Says that Andronicus and Junia were.

- They Had a Higher Standing or Calling I Thessalonians 2:6

Indicates that they were above the people. They could have been a burden to the people because of the position God had given them. But Paul considered himself a servant I Corinthians 15:9 Paul didn't even feel worthy to be called an apostle... II Peter 1:1 Peter also considered himself a servant before an apostle.

All the people that ^{they are} teach ^{you need me} apostles today love that Nicolaitan doctrine. We believe in the priesthood of the believer IP+2:5+9
(God hates it Rev. 2:6) (to get your family out of hell... to heal your sickness...)

- They Had Power To Do Signs + Wonders. Acts 2:42-47

Mark 16:13-20 God sent them a witness and the apostles did not believe. So God gave the apostles the power to do signs + wonders. That's why some have to teach Apostolic Succession so they can continue their signs, wonders, healing, + tongues during the wrong dispensation. Signs + miracles were given for 1) the unbelieving Jews 2) because they had no completed word of God (Eph. 3:4)
I Cor. 13:8 says that tongues "shall cease..." II Cor. 12:12 says "signs of an apostle"

- The Early Church Received Doctrine From the Apostles

We already read Acts 2:42 "continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine" Acts 15:4-23 The apostles heard the matter of Gentiles being Circumcised + following the law...

Traditions Mean Nothing today, No man can tell you something contrary to the scripture II Peter 3:2 We only need the K.J.B. Catholics hate that...