

## THE GIFT OF APOSTLESHIP

### I. THE BIBLICAL MINISTRY OF AN APOSTLE

#### A. The MEANING of the Word APOSTLE

1. The English word “*apostle*” is translated from the Greek word “\_\_\_\_\_”.
2. The literal meaning of “*apostle*” is a \_\_\_\_\_ sent forth with a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. The USE of the Word APOSTLE

1. In the New Testament, “*Apostle*” is used \_\_\_\_\_ of any person sent with a mission or message. (Luke 11:49; John 13:16; Rom. 16:7; Acts 14:14; 2 Cor. 8:23; Phil. 2:25)
2. In the New Testament, “*apostle*” is used \_\_\_\_\_ of a select group of men directly commissioned by Jesus Christ. (Matt. 10:2-5; Luke 6:13-16, 22:14; John 17:18; 20:21; Acts 1:13, 26, 2:14, 6:2; 1Cor. 15:5-9; Rev. 21:14)
3. In the New Testament, “*apostle*” is used \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ who is the Apostle. (Heb. 3:1)

#### C. The REQUIREMENTS to become an APOSTLE

1. An apostle had to personally, visually \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 1:22; 4:33, 9:1-16; 1 Cor. 9:1; 15:7-8)
  2. An apostle had to be personally \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Mt. 10:1-4; Gal. 1:1, 16)
- \* What about Matthias? (Acts 1:15-26)

#### D. The AUTHENTICATION to become an APOSTLE (strict sense)

1. The ministry of an apostle was confirmed by “\_\_\_\_\_.”
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### **E. The AUTHORITY of APOSTLES**

1. The apostles were the \_\_\_\_\_ human \_\_\_\_\_ in the early church. (Acts 6:1-7, 15:1-23; 1 Cor. 12:28)
2. The apostles spoke with absolute authority, even commanding \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Thess 3:6, 14), while writing the very \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. (1 Cor. 14:29-33)

### **F. The PURPOSE of APOSTLES**

1. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to the establishment of the church. (Eph. 2:20)
2. They received \_\_\_\_\_ from God and spoke the Word of God. (Eph. 3:5; Jude 1:17; Acts 2:42)
3. They established \_\_\_\_\_, appointed \_\_\_\_\_, and acted as \_\_\_\_\_ in the early church. (the book of Acts)

### **G. Future HONOR for APOSTLES**

1. The apostles will rule over the \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s future kingdom on earth. (Luke 22:28-30)
2. The wall of the New Jerusalem will have the names of the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord written upon the twelve foundations stones. (Rev. 21:14)

## **II. THE BIBLICAL CONCLUSION**

### **A. BIBLICALLY, Can there be Apostles today?**

### **B. PRACTICALLY, How does one evaluate the “so called apostle” in the Signs and Wonders movement?**