



"Jesus calls His Veterans...the Apostles!"

Luke 9:1-6

Scripture is very clear that there are no modern day Apostles (Hebrews 1:1-2, Ephesians 2:20 etc.) because we have the written Word of God 2 Corinthians 4:6!

- Apostles had specific qualifications to even be an Apostle – Mark 3:13-19 / Acts 1:22-24 / **1. To be commissioned by Jesus Christ himself and 2. To be an eye witness of the Resurrected Jesus in body/person!**
- Paul was the last Apostle – 1 Corinthians 15:7-9
- Notice that Jesus specifically appointed the 12 in Mark 3:13-19— this is a very specific calling for just these men! (*They went and they did these things...not us*)
- **Apostles & Prophets had 3 things happening** – To lay the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20, To receive direct revelation from God to write and speak His Word (Acts 11:28, Acts 21:10-11 and Ephesians 3:5) and finally give confirmation of their call by signs, wonders and miracles (2 Corinthians 12:12, Acts 8:6-7 and Hebrews 2:3-4)
- The Bible tells us that the Scriptures came through the Apostles & Prophets by the Holy Spirit! (Prophets Old Testament and Apostles New Testament 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- **The point is this** – There are no modern day Apostles! Again, they already LAID the foundation of the church!
- You don't have two or three foundations...there is only one foundation and Jesus is the only Cornerstone of that one foundation laid! (Ephesians 2:19-22)
- Be aware of the movement called "**NAR**" which stands for the "**New Apostolic Reformation**" or the "**bringing back of the Apostles and Prophets to be the leaders in the church**". Jesus already called, appointed and gave specific requirements to be an Apostle to that group of men and Paul and that era is complete! This "new" movement is truly a false movement! Don't be deceived or duped!
- So, what we see in the New Testament is Paul, an Apostle (1 Timothy 1:1-2), commissioning Timothy a Pastor to lead the church and congregation.
- Here you have the leadership of the local church AFTER the Apostles...Pastors and Deacons! (An entire new set of qualifications in Titus, 1 Timothy, 1 Peter etc..)

## 2 Timothy 2:1-4

- Paul tells Timothy to take what was taught from him and entrust to faithful men and pass the same message on!
- He also tells Timothy that we all are soldiers of Christ, and our aim is to please Christ and not get entangled, distracted or caught up in civilian pursuits!

### In other words – GO! And when you go be careful to live for Christ!

- Go take this message of Christ to all people and continue the Great Commission!
- As you GO, watch your life, watch your heart and don't allow the devil even a foothold on you!
- Remember, if you give the devil a ride he will eventually drive! Don't even open the door to him!

### Jesus has called you! Jesus has called me!

- It's awesome to read of the Apostles specific calling and works to see the church start and take off because THEY were obedient to the Lord!
- But, what about us?

#1. Ephesians 2:10 – YOU were/are **CREATED** to do MINISTRY!

#2. 2 Timothy 1:9 – God **SAVED** YOU to do MINISTRY!

#3. 1 Peter 2:9-10 – God has **CALLED** YOU to MINISTRY!

#4. 1 Peter 4:10 – God has **GIFTED** YOU to do MINISTRY!

#5. Matthew 28:18-20 – God has given YOU **AUTHORITY** to do MINISTRY!

#6. Matthew 20:26-28 – YOU are **COMMANDED** to do MINISTRY!

#7. Ephesians 4:11-12 – YOU are **PREPARED** to do MINISTRY!

#8. 1 Corinthians 12:27 – YOU are **NEEDED** in MINISTRY!

#9. Colossians 3:23-24 – YOU will be held **ACCOUNTABLE** for MINISTRY!

#10. Colossians 3:23-24 – God will **REWARD** YOU for MINISTRY!

How amazing is it that **WE** get the honor and privilege to take the same message of Jesus Christ to others today! The Good News of Jesus Christ and the Word of God!