

# **Washing in the Pool of Siloam**

## **Living an Apostolic Life**

Greg Haswell | July 17, 2016

“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

JOHN 9:7

The root word for apostles and apostolic is *Apostello*  
- to send, be sent, to order (one) to go to a place  
appointed

Used 131 times in NT - sent 104, send 17, send forth 3,  
sending 3, puts 1, sends 1, sent away 1, set 1

*apostolos* - a delegate, messenger, one sent forth  
with orders

Used 79 times in the NT - apostle 19, apostles 52,  
apostles' 5, messenger 1, messengers 1, is sent 1

The words "apostle or apostles" are mentioned 85 times in the New Testament. The word "pastor or pastors" is mentioned only once. Our emphasis in the modern church does not reflect this.

## God is an apostolic God

"words that I sent to them again and again by my servants the prophets - Jeremiah 29:19

Again and again I sent all my servants the prophets to you - Jeremiah 35:15

Again and again I sent my servants the prophets, who said, - Jeremiah 44:4

GOD SENT HIS PROPHETS

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

GOD SENT THE PROPHETS - LUKE 13:34

My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions - Daniel 6:22

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee - Luke 1:26

"Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me - Acts 12:11

GOD SENT HIS ANGELS

The Lord, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them - 2 Chronicles 36:15

He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave - Psalm 107:20

GOD SENT HIS WORD

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son - Galatians 4:4

He sent his one and only Son into the world - 1 John 4:9

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world - 1 John 4:14

GOD SENT HIS SON

<sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said - Matthew 21:36-37

GOD SENT HIS SON

the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name

- John 14:26

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." -

Galatians 4:6

preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - 1 Peter 1:12

GOD SENT HIS SPIRIT

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

NOW HE'S SENDING THE CHURCH - MATTHEW 28:18-20

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

NOW HE'S SENDING THE CHURCH - ACTS 1:7-8

**But weren't there only 12 apostles?**

<sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.  
<sup>14</sup> The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

REVELATION 21:13-14

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." . . .<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

EPHESIANS 4:7-8,11

**Some of these ascension gift apostles mentioned post Jesus' resurrection in the New Testament**

<sup>3</sup> So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders. <sup>4</sup> The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles.

PAUL AND BARNABAS ACTS 14:3-4

Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

ANDRONICUS AND JUNIAS ROMANS 16:7

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silas and Timothy To the church of the Thessalonians

<sup>2:6</sup> As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you

SILAS AND TIMOTHY 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1, 2:6

<sup>19</sup> I saw none of the other apostles--only James, the Lord's brother.

<sup>5</sup> Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas?

JAMES THE LORD'S BROTHER GALATIANS 1:19, 1 CORINTHIANS 9:5

<sup>12</sup>What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

<sup>6</sup> Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit,

APOLLOS 1 CORINTHIANS 1:12, 4:6

## From the Roman World

Greeks and Romans used the word in a secular context to describe special envoys sent out to expand their empire. The word started out being used for the first ship in the armada sent out to conquer and train and then gradually came to represent the commander of those forces.

Many of these envoys were military generals who were given authority and commissioned to establish Greek and Roman culture around the known-world. They were to teach and train new subjects in the laws and cultures of the kingdom.

They were highly equipped and given everything they needed to accomplish their task. They bore the support of Rome and were thereby vested with great authority. They were told to go to new areas and subdue, conquer, convert, instruct and train. This contextual understanding would have given the early church a much clearer view of the role of apostles than our culture does today.

## Prophecies

The Lord is building here an apostolic church; it's in embryonic form. Its not just a good local church; it will be a resource church, that will become an apostolic church

RANDY CLARK 10/11/97

You will plant a church and will be a father to many sons, who will plant other churches and you will travel apostolically

CINDY JACOBS 09/99

These are the things that are in the heart of the Lord and eventually have to become part of your heart. That you don't think small, but you think like God thinks, to feel like God feels, have a heart like Gods heart for the nations, for that which is beyond your own shore. That's what God has in His heart for this Church

DUDLEY DANIEL 05/12/2001



You will be known for your Instant obedience, a heart that doesn't even have to weigh up the cost any more it will be so convinced of the lavish love and grace of God, and so in these days He is pouring out that lavish love He does not give to us stintingly, but an abundance, He pours out His love. He will teach you to be a people of grace, a people who know how to walk in the grace of God, a gracious people who know how to walk more and more like Jesus, full of grace and truth.

DUDLEY DANIEL 05/12/2001

In the past I took you from the nations to a nation. Now I am taking you from the nation back to the nations. I saw Northlands shining like a city on a hill, reaching the local community. Then I saw the light stretch over the oceans to other nations.

CHRIS JUNGLES 08/12

You are going to bat above your status, there is something that God wants to unlock from this church, it is not a natural thing but you will have an influence way above what can be seen. Greg and Michelle have always done this and God wants you to catch up, He wants to release something fresh and new on all of you to catch up with this call that He has for you as a church

PETER RASMUSSEN 08/10/12

You are all called to participate in this apostolic adventure that God has for you as a church, and He's allowing all of you to catch up with it. God has a large circle of influence for this church, much larger than you would think. He wants you to catch that and live in it. You are an apostolic household as a church and God will raise up many spiritual Fathers and Mothers from this house

PETER RASMUSSEN 08/10/12

The Lord showed me a very thick and large foundation which represents Northlands church. It is so thick that its obviously intended to be something very significant in the Spirit, in fact I heard right away this is an apostolic hub. There is apostolic grace in the foundation and now He's going to build apostolic hope. . . . I do believe that the apostolic center or hub is going to be something very significant in the coming days both in the city, the nation and among the nations

JOHNNY AND ELIZABETH ENLOW 01/03/16

**What does this mean?**

Say yes in your heart - sign up for this call

Pray for those going - "as you help us by your prayers" - 2 Corinthians 1:11

Give toward apostolic adventures - "a fragrant offering" - Philippians 4:15-19

Come with - "teams of skilled people"

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