

# CATCH UP

## THE CALL TO US ALL

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<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

# **ASCENSION GIFT APOSTLES** MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

## **Paul and Barnabus**

Acts 14:3, Acts 14:14

## **Apollos**

1 Corinthians 1:12

## **Silas and Timothy**

2 Thessalonians 1:1 , 1 Th 2:6, Philemon 1:1

## **Andronicus and Junias**

Romonas 16:7

## **James the brother of Jesus**

Galatians 1:19 , 1 Corinthians 9:5



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**only SOME are called to be PASTORS** (poimen)

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“**to order to go to an appointed place**”, “to  
allow one to depart, that he may be in a state  
of liberty”

**apostolos** [αποστέλωσ] – “one who is sent out” in English – apostle (**to  
colonize, to bring the government of God,  
ensure the blueprint of heaven**)

# HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND APOSTLE - SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE

## 1. Signs, wonders and miracles

2 Cor 12:12 The things that mark an apostle--signs, wonders and miracles--were done among you with great perseverance.

1 Corinthians 2:4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

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### 2. Other mature leaders recognize the gift by revelation

Acts 13:1 In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

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### 3. They build teams of ministers who help their apostolic mandate

Acts 20:4 (Paul) He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy also, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia.

Philemon 1:12 I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. - - - 1

Timothy 1:2 To Timothy my true son in the faith - - - Philippians 2: 22 . . . as a son with his father he has served with me - - - Titus 1:4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith - - - Romans 1:11 I long to see you - - - 1 Thessalonians 2:8 Having so fond an affection for you, - - - Philippians 4:1 you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,

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### 4. They produce mature churches

1 Corinthians 9:2 Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? 2 You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. 3 You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

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1 Corinthians 4:9 For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! 11 To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. 12 And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; 13 being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. (NKJV)



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## A RESOURCE CHURCH

- Bat above our status, punch above our weight
- passion to influence and not control
- faithful stewards of the revelation given us



**13** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **14** How, then, can they **call** on the one they have not believed in? And how can they **believe** in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they **hear** without someone preaching to them? **15** And how can anyone **preach** unless they are **sent** (apostello)? As it is written: “How **beautiful** are the **feet** of those who bring good news!”

**Romans 10:13-15**





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