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Names & Titles of Jesus Lesson 6 – The Apostle

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Let's start this lesson with Hebrews 3:1-2 *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; 2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.* John 17:1-3 *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

The definition of an Apostle

An Apostle is a sent one... one sent by God into the world to represent God. The word apostle does not appear in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit had a good reason for this, we will explain later in lesson. There were twelve chosen apostles by Jesus Christ to walk with Him while He was on planet Earth. One of them fell by the wayside Acts 1:25 - (Judas Iscariot) and a thirteenth was chosen for a replacement. Later, we read in Romans 1:1 how Paul was called by God to be an apostle. There is only one Apostle who gets a capital "A" in His name. There is only one Apostle who has been sent forth into the world by God who is God the Almighty.

If we read about the life of Peter, Paul or any of the Lord's apostles we would find that what is said would not be a very good representation of the Lord. It could be said of them and us – for all have sinned and that there is not a just man that doeth good and sinneth not Ecclesiastes 7:20. We would find that even when we would do good that evil is present with us Romans 7:21. We find ourselves unable to be all we would want to be for God. Romans 7:18.

There is one Apostle with a capital "A" upon His name... who did always those things that perfectly represented the God who sent Him into the world. John 8:29. He showed Himself as the expressed image of God. Hebrews 1:3. That Apostle came into the world who perfectly revealed God to man; God Himself manifest in a body of human flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16.

Jesus Christ is eternal as we have seen... He is the Ancient of days... He is the Alpha and the Omega, without beginning or ending. He did humbled Himself to be found in fashion as a man and that was done in response to the

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will of His Father. Philippians 2:8. The Father sent the Son into the world to be His apostle. Jesus said in one place... *as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.* John 20:21 When Jesus sent His apostles into the world to proclaim the good news of who God is and what God has done for mankind and why mankind needs God. The earthly apostles were just little tiny representations of what the great Apostle the Lord Jesus Christ was when He came into the world.

Jesus proved He was sent by God by the miracles He did.

Second Corinthians 12 and John 5. Now many people claim to be apostles. Even in our day you have preachers in certain groups and certain denominations who call themselves apostles. Down through church history there have been men who claimed to have apostolic gifts or apostolic succession, the Bible is very clear on these matters. Second Corinthians 12:12. *Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.* It is a great thing to preach the word of God with power and get results; but, that is not the sign of an apostle. There are many people who have dedicated themselves to the work of God and have done many wonderful works in the name of God and we thank the Lord for all of them. That does not make them an apostle.

The apostles were gifted by God to perform signs, wonders and miraculous deeds in all patience, so that there would be no mistaking that God sent that man into the world. These miracles were seen in certain periods of time throughout history. Whenever God wanted to change His method of operation in the world He manifested that by the working of signs and wonders and miracles.

- For 1500 years since Adam left the garden no man did miracles. Why? God is not changing anything as regard to His dealings with man. There was the casting out from the garden, the flood of Noah's day, the scatterings of nations at the Tower of Babel, the Hebrew people going into captivity in Egypt. But there were no miracles done by the hands of men until God sends Moses in to do battle with Pharaoh. Why? Because of a change in operation God is going to give His word in writing to the Hebrew people.
- Moses was given the power to work miracles. Read Exodus.
- Those miracles are passed from Moses to Joshua. They last one generation after the original miracles appear; Moses then Joshua then they vanish off of the scene.

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- And throughout all the time period of Joshua and the settling of the land... all of the wars of the Judges there is nobody working any miracles.
- And for the first time in nearly a thousand years a man works miracles, the miracle power given him by God shows up in the life of Elijah because we are now moving from the law to the time of the prophets. Elijah steps on the scene and God will speak through this man to call the nation to repentance and to carry His word to the Gentiles. Elijah has miracle working power. Then one generation after Elijah, Elisha has miracle working power and then after Elisha the miracles cease.
- The next time we hear about miracles Jesus Christ begins His public ministry at the age of thirty. Jesus Christ proves that there is a change in God's dealings with the human race by the working of miracles. His apostles worked miracles one generation after Jesus, then the signs and miracles cease.

Prior to the Lord's return there will be a world-wide outbreak of miracles, these are false miracles brought on by false Christs, deceiving if it were possible even the very elect Matthew 24:24. The announcement of the coming anti-Christ (false Christ) will be preceded by false miracles and false wonders.

(Now stay with me.) The apostles preached the gospel to people who spoke languages. When people today say they have the supernatural gift of tongues, they are false. In the days of the apostles men were bitten by serpents and shook them off and knew no hurt because the Lord said if they were bitten by serpents it would not hurt them. Men today claim to be apostles and handle rattlesnakes, but when they get bit, they go to the hospital for fear they will die; because they are not God's apostles. The Bible says in John 5:36 ***But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*** This scripture is not talking about good works as we know them; every saved person has been given salvation by grace so they can do good works. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

- Saved and lost people can hand out pieces of paper with Bible verses on it. That does not mean God sent you.
- Saved and lost people can feed homeless people or raise money for the disadvantaged around the world. Those are good works but they do not prove you are sent from God.

The apostolic gifts that God gave to His Apostle, apostles, and prophets sent by God are miraculous in nature to change the hearts of men/women towards

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God. Jesus proved His apostolic ministry by the miracles that He did. Jesus did not go around and town bragging that He was an Apostle – He just took leprosy out of the bodies of lepers. He just restored crippled and deformed limbs and made them whole. He went to men were blind and gave them sight. He raised loved ones from the dead.

Why was Jesus sent to be an Apostle

First John chapter 4 Jesus proved He was sent by God the Father by the miracles that He did. But why was He sent? He was not sent to work miracles. He worked miracles to prove He had been sent and once men and women were convinced He had been sent by God; then He revealed to them the reason **why** He had been sent. First John 4:14 ***And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.***

The majority of miracles never produced saved people, what they did do is show the people that those who did the miracles were from God.

- ❖ When Moses worked all of those miracles and led the children of Israel out of Egypt, there were only two of them that believed God. The rest of them all died in unbelief in the wilderness
- ❖ Elijah did a lifetime work of miracles; then went to heaven in a chariot of fire. Elisha dealt with the same apostasy and unbelief in the nation that Elijah had dealt with.
- ❖ Jesus worked all those miracles and the mob cried crucify Him... crucify Him... away with this man.

Miracles will not produce belief; they will confirm the person was sent by God. *For by grace are ye saved through faith.* Ephesians 2:8. *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* Hebrews 11:1. *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* Romans 10:17. You are going to believe God if you put faith in what He said; The Bible says that you are saved by God's word. First Peter 1:23, not by some miracle.

Jesus is the Apostle to our profession. Hebrews 3:1 He is sent by God the Father. He was proven to be an Apostle with the signs that He produced. But He did the signs to show that He was sent into the world to be the Saviour.

The definition between "APOSTLE" and "apostle"

The apostle Peter is sitting up on the roof and the Lord sends this sheet down with these animals in it and says... "Rise Peter, and kill and eat..." and Peter said, "Not so... Lord." I do not want to. I am not going too. And on the third time he finally gave in and did what God said Acts 10:9-21. Do you know why there is no capital "A" on apostle in Peter's name? Because he did not

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always do what the Father wanted him to do. Sometimes he did what he wanted to do.

Some disciples came to Paul and said "***to Paul through the Spirit***" do not go to Jerusalem; and he replied, I am going... Acts 21:4 Now Paul was an apostle. But do you know why there is no capital "A" on apostle in Paul's name? Because he did not always do what the Father wanted him to do. Sometimes he did what he wanted to do.

Jesus Christ walked this earth for three and one-half years and did not have agenda of His own. He did all things that pleased His father John 8:29. That is why there is a capital "A" on Apostle in His name.

What was the ministry of the apostles (small "a" apostles do) when they went forth in the name of Jesus Christ? They would not work miracles to make a name for themselves. They would work miracles to encourage people to believe that God had sent them and once the people were convinced that God had sent them they would refuse all worship and adoration and say... "No...no...no... we are here so you can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." There were several occasions in the book of Acts when the apostles wrought miracles and the people wanted to worship the apostles and they refused saying let us tell you about Jesus Christ the Son of God the Saviour of the world. Acts 28:6; Acts 14:11.

The definition of "to quickeneth"

John 5:20-21. ***For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. 21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.*** To quicken is better than to give life. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead He gave him life. But He did not quicken him. Lazarus died again. To quicken is to make alive never to die again. Do you know what Jesus did for us who are saved? He quickened us Ephesians 2:5.

Jesus Christ confirmed that He was the Apostle with the power to give life and the power to quicken by the miracles that He wrought in the eyes of the people. He does not have to keep raising people from the dead to prove He is the resurrection and the life. He already did that. Now we believe on Him and there is no need for miracles.

Conclusion

Hebrews 3:1-2 ***Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; 2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.*** What would my Apostle who has saved me desire that I learn of Him? That it

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is most blessed to please the Father...to be holy...to live as one who possesses a heavenly calling.

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Name _____

Note: must include scripture with all your answers, including the T/F.

1. What is the difference between these two words?
 - a. Apostle

 - b. apostle

2. How many original apostles were there in the New Testament?

3. What is the definition of an apostle?

4. Why did Jesus do signs and wonders?

5. Why is Jesus identified as an Apostle?

6. Why are good works not a manifestation that you are an apostle?

7. What will be a sign that the Lords coming is near?

8. Why did Judas Iscariot lose his position as an apostle?

9. Why would Peter, Paul, James and John never become apostles with a capital "A"?

10. What were the signs of an apostle?

11. When do the signs of an apostle cease?

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12. How does someone become an apostle?
13. Why is the modern day speaking in tongues a lie?
14. Whenever God manifested the working of signs and wonders and miracles, what did that indicate?
15. Jesus did many miracles, but why was Jesus sent by God into the world?
16. Give us three examples in the New Testament, why miracles did not help in people getting saved.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
17. What does it mean to be quickened?
18. Why is being quickened better than to be given life?

True/false

- After the second generation of the apostles, there are no more people who have the sign gifts.
- When the apostles spoke in tongues it was a language from another country or region.
- A sign of a false Christ is that they claim to have the sign gifts.
- The Apostle is our High Priest Christ Jesus.

**Scripture memorization**

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

John 5:20-21; Hebrews 3:1; John 17:1-3



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Any Questions?