



HEAVEN IN SPAIN

Moving in the Apostolic Introduction to the Apostolic



What are "apostles?"

"Apostolos" - a delegate; specifically an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ

Root word - "Apostellō" - set apart, that is, (by implication) to send out (properly on a mission), send (away, forth, out), set [at liberty].

"apostolos" was a Roman term – and referred to the message, authority and resources of the empire

When a fleet of ships was sent to conquer a new territory; the admiral, fleet and colony were all called apostles



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Apostles are people who are "sent out" on a mission.

They are "an ambassador of the gospel" and a "commissioner of Christ".

Apostles are people who are sent out from a body of God's people to bring an aspect of the kingdom to a group of people.

They commission others into other roles in bringing the kingdom of heaven to earth.



What are "apostles?"

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"An "apostle" [is] one who is called and sent by Christ to have the spiritual authority, character, gifts and abilities to successfully reach and establish people in Kingdom truth and order, especially through founding and overseeing local churches."

David Cannistraci, Apostles and the Emerging Apostolic Movement: A Biblical Look at Apostleship and How God is Using it to Bless His Church Today



What are "apostles?"

C. Peter Wagner

"A Christian leader gifted, taught, commissioned, and sent by God with the authority to establish the foundational government of the Church within an assigned sphere and/or spheres of ministry by hearing what the Spirit is saying to the churches and by setting things in order accordingly for the expansion of the kingdom of God.

C. Peter Wagner, Apostles Today, p143.

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We are all called to be apostolic

John 17:18-20 - As You sent (*apostello*) Me into the world, I also have sent (*apostello*) them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word.

Since Jesus is apostolic, we can't help not be apostolic

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The apostolic 2 current main focuses

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- 1. Global Evangelism/ Mass Conversions
 - e.g. Reinhard Bonnke – 50 + million conversions
- 2. Transformation of civil society
 - e.g. Seven Mountains
 - e.g. Providence foundation – Biblical worldview training
- We need both the door and the kingdom communicated
 - evangelistically potent and
 - socially significant



What is “apostolic”

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- To be apostolic means that we bring an aspect of the kingdom of heaven to a group of people who are currently not experiencing the kingdom in that way.
- For some people that means changing the culture of a family
- For others building a business that brings the kingdom in some way
- For others it means starting a community venture that brings an aspect of the kingdom in some other way.



A spiritual building

Ephesians 2:19-22 "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

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Apostles are primary

1 Corinthians 12:28 "And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that...."

"first" = "proton" firstly (in time, place, order, or importance) - before, at the beginning, chiefly.

Apostles break new ground and lay foundations, and so in any new kingdom venture they should be at work first.

In our spiritual building our apostolic is primary

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How am I apostolic?

- Review your calling statement
 - Calling (The “What”)
 - Anointing (The “How”)
 - Appointing (The “Where/Who”)
- How does your calling statement reflect an apostolic aspect of your calling? That is, what aspect of the kingdom are you called to bring to what type of person?
- Do you need to tweak your calling statement?