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The Apostolic Church

“ Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:20-22

FOR YOU – Through this study we will understand the apostolic craft within the church of Jesus Christ, learning how a church must function within the language of the Christian spirit that is contained within the New Testament. The church have an apostolic aspect to possess the conditions of fulfilling the destiny that God has for it on earth.

How the Church Will Fulfill its Grand Mission

“Go into the entire world and preach the Gospel, heal the sick, free the oppressed.”

- The breath of the Holy Spirit for these last days is an impetuous breath, a breath which nobody can brace. (Isaiah 59:19-20)
- The disciples which were sent became apostles. (Matthew 10:1-5)
- The great apostolic secret is in the word “send”. The apostle is an envoy, an ambassador, the one that has a mission, a messenger, a spokesman of God, that has anointment, a credibility and support of God. (Luke 11:49)
- Barnabas and Saul became apostles once they were sent. (Acts 13:1-4)

The Apostolic Messenger is the One that Has:

- A message;
- A vision of a spiritual life;
- Credibility of God;
- Anointment of the Holy Spirit;
- Security in which you say and do;
- Revelation of the Lord to convey the message;
- Authority given by God;
- The sufficiency is in God;
- Recognize the Sovereignty of God;
- Has a commitment with the Reign of God.

A Church, in Biblical Terms, Has to be Built Over the Foundations, Over the Scope of the Apostle and of the Prophet. (Ephesians 2:20-22)

- The church that doesn't have an apostolic ministry of ambassadors, has a bum ministry, without purpose, a human reign, with contradictions and customs of men, which enslave the children of God. (Isaiah 10:27)
- A life of miracles and authority is only possible when God releases the apostolic anointment. (Luke 9:1-2; Ephesians 4:8-12)
- The church becomes a participant of the apostolic mission through the church's Apostle. (Philippians 1:7)
- And God through the hands of Paul performed extraordinary miracles. (Acts 19:11-12)
- In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. (Acts 19:20; Acts 12:24)

Three Basic Functions of the Apostolate

- Open the eyes of the spiritual blind. (2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 1:18)
- To convert the darkness to light. (John 8:12)
- Converting the power of Satan to God (Colossians 1:13/ Romans 3:23-26)

An Apostolic Church has Special Coverage and Protection

- God manifests signs and wonders. (Acts 5:12-16)
- God enables to preserve the unit. (Acts 2:42)

Characteristics of the Primitive Church

- The one who established the pastor as an envoy was God. (1 Corinthians 12:28)
- The unity and love of the church were noticed. (Acts 2:42-45)
- The Christians persevered in prayer, unanimous persevering in the temple and enjoyed the favor of all the people. (Acts 2:46-47)

The Apostolic Seal is the Mark of the Apostolate

- The apostolate needs credentials. (1 Corinthians 9:2; 2 Corinthians 12:12)
- There exists false apostles preaching a different Jesus, a different gospel. (2 Corinthians 11: 4-5)
- The one that declares himself apostle leads a bum ministry, doesn't possess the seal of God, doesn't have legitimacy, doesn't have authenticity, is not an envoy, it is a ministry of lies. (Revelations 2:2; John 14:26)
- The apostolic church has a seal of power. (1 Corinthians 2:4)

Characteristics of Someone that was Sent

- Has credentials to preach. (Romans 10:15)
- Preaches with courage. (Acts 4:13)

- By the power of God they can perform miracles, signs and wonders. (Hebrews 2:4)
- The sentiment, purpose and destiny are the Great Commission. (Mark 16:15; John 20: 21-22)
- Always have a message of the Lord in your mouth, even when its death. (Acts 7:59-60)

Signs of a Apostolic Church

- Must also be a prophetic ministry too. (Proverbs 29:18)
- Has the power to testify about the resurrected Christ. (Acts 4:33; 2 Corinthians 5:16; Revelation 1: 17-18)
- Has absolute power over evil. (Luke 9: 1-2)
- Has abundance and excellence of the Grace of God (the life by faith). (2 Corinthians 8:7)
- Has signs and wonders. (Acts 5:12; Acts 2:42-43)
- Has the sign of God's approval. (Acts 2:22)
- Has audacity. (Acts 4: 29-30)
- Has signs always following the sermon. (Acts 7:35-36)
- Has confirmation of the Gospel. (Acts 14:3)

FINAL WORDS: It is time for the Church of Jesus Christ to redefine what Church means. Today, many who call themselves churches are places of political concentrations, where the altar is dedicated to political campaigns, or they are a place dedicated to be a social area, or a place where the government has its heavy hand directing it. There has to be a prophetic voice coming from the church of Jesus Christ, because the church is not a place to throw heavy burdens upon the sheep, as the Pharisees and Sadducees did (Matthew 23:3,4 ³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴ They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.) . The church must raise lives, in order to perfect lives. At Cristo Vive you have an apostolic and prophetic ministry. You feel safe because you are in a ministry approved by God. You are in the right place. Something good will happen to you through God.