

BE AN APOSTLE IN CHRIST

As Christians we are to be an Apostle in Christ. So, what is an apostle? An apostle is a person that is chosen or commissioned by Jesus Christ with authority to represent Him to the world through preaching, teaching, establishing a church, giving testimony, and sharing faith and the word of Christ with others. The word apostle is from Greek origin and means “one sent forth” and in Scripture refers to those directly appointed by Christ or the church.

Biblical accounts of being divinely chosen, commissioned to preach, and empowered by the Holy Spirit as an apostle include:

Luke 6:13-16 – *“When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor”.*

Matthew 10:1 – *“Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness”.*

Mark 3:16-19 – *“These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), James the son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder”), Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him”.*

Matthew 28:19-20 – *“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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age”.*

2 Corinthians 12:12 – *“I persevered in demonstrating among you the marks of a true apostle, including signs, wonders and miracles”.*

Ephesians 2:20 – *“built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone”.*

So, reflect on these verses and make it your mission to preach the gospel to all nations, guide people to church, defend the faith against false teachings, and build up faith in each other as believers, all as being an Apostle in Christ.

Amen.