



WORD BREAK

061 – REPAIRING THE RESERVOIR (Part23)

Dear Child of God,

Welcome to “WORD BREAK” #61, which is designed to give you a nugget from God’s Word to strengthen your daily walk.

GATE #3 — THE OLD GATE (Continued)

Nehemiah 3:6

“6 And Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshulam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and its bars.” (NASB)

Hebrews 6:1-3

“1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.” (NKJV)*

Today, let’s continue looking at **The Foundation**.

Take a look at these Scriptures.

Ephesians 2:20-22

20 having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit. NASB

2 Timothy 2:19

“19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness.”

NASB

Let’s look at the office of the **Apostle**.

One of the reasons why the **RESERVOIR** of the **BODY OF CHRIST** has not been able to consistently hold the level of the anointing that God has intended the **Church** to walk in is because of a number of **Foundation** issues.

The office of the **Apostle** is the most important of the **Five Ministry Gifts** Jesus set in His Body.

Every time the 5 - fold ministry offices are being addressed in scripture, the office of the Apostle is always mentioned first.

Ephesians 4:1-16

“1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. 8 Therefore it says,

“WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH , HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES ,

AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN. ”

9 (Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.” NASB

1 Corinthians 12:28

“28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.” NASB

The office of the Apostle is foundational to every other ministry in the Church operating properly, this is why they were set in first.

Not only is **Jesus The Cornerstone of The Foundation**, He also fills the office of **The Apostle**.

Remember, Ephesians 2:20-22 says this.

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Jesus is the perfect example of the apostolic office.

Hebrews 3:1

“Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.” NASB

The Greek word translated **apostle** is **apostolos**, and is pronounced (**ap-os'-tol-os**).

Apostolos means **a delegate, a messenger, or one who is sent forth with orders**. This word is used 80 times in the New Testament.

I can tell you this, the old cop out phrase used by religious people as an excuse for why there is no power in the church, is “ignorance gone to seed” at best.

For those who have never heard that lame excuse, it states, “**Miracles ceased when the apostles died**”(Referring to the 12).

As a matter of fact, there are some 24 individuals in the New Testament referred to by the Greek word Apostolos. We will take a look at them in a latter **“WORD BREAK.” The Church** needs knowledge on this vital ingredient to an **Unshakable Foundation**.

A true **Apostle** is a person who is sent to a person, a people, a region, an area, a country, a continent, or the world with specific orders from the one who did the sending.

A real **Apostle** is not voted on by any committee or any organized group of believers. This person is where he is because of his obedience to the one who gave the sending orders, and will not leave until the specific apostolic assignment is complete.

Jesus is the supreme example of a **“Sent One.”**

John 20:21

*“Jesus therefore said to them again, **“Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” NASB***

This is such an integral part of **The Foundation**, that we must pick up here next session.

Thank you for joining me for this edition of **“WORD BREAK”**. See you this Sunday!

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