



WORD BREAK

Dear Child of God,

Welcome to “WORD BREAK” #62, 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

Let’s continue looking at the office of the Apostle by reviewing a few things, as well as proceeding farther in our study.

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.

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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.

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 into that office 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

Let’s take a look at all those in the New Testament who are called Apostles (Apostolos).

1) JESUS

Hebrews 3:1

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2-13) THE TWELVE

Matthew 10:2-4

“2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-gatherer; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.” NASB

Acts 1:15-26

“15 And at this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, 16 “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 “For he was counted among us, and received his portion in this ministry.” 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 “For it is written in the book of Psalms,
‘LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO MAN DWELL IN IT’;
and,
‘HIS OFFICE LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE.’
21 “It is therefore necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us — 22 beginning with the baptism of John, until the day that He was taken up from us — one of these should become a witness with us of His resurrection.” 23 And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. 24 And they prayed, and said, “Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two Thou hast chosen 25 to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven.” NASB

14&15) BARNABAS AND PAUL

Acts 14:14

“14 But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out” NASB

16) JAMES THE LORD’S BROTHER

Galatians 1:19

“19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.” NASB

17&18) ANDRONICUS AND JUNIA

Romans 16:7

“7 Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.” NASB

19&20) SILVANUS AND TIMOTHY

1 Thessalonians 1:1

“Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.” NASB

1 Thessalonians 2:6

“6 nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.” NASB

21) APOLLOS

1 Corinthians 4:4-9

“4 For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. 5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men’s hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God.
6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to exceed what is written, in order that no one of you might become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. 7 For who regards you as superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? 8 You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and I would indeed that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you. 9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.” NASB

22&23) TWO UNNAMED BRETHERN

2 Corinthians 8:23

“23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brethren, they are messengers (apostolos) of the churches, a glory to Christ.” NASB

24) EPAPHRODITUS

Philippians 2:25

“25 However, I thought it necessary to send Epaphroditus [back] to you. [He has been] my brother and companion in labor and my fellow soldier, as well as [having come as] your special messenger (apostle) and minister to my need.” AMP

Not only are these 24 mentioned in the New Testament, but we will see from Scripture that God has never done away with this office.

There is much more for us to look at concerning The Office Of The Apostle.

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

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