

The Apostles

Reason To Believe – Part 4
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“Apostles” is the Greek word “Apostolos”.
It means “messenger, he that is sent”.

The Bible mentions 3 different kinds of Apostles:

1. **THE** Apostle (**Heb. 3:1**)
2. Apostles of Jesus (**Matt. 10:2-4**)
3. Apostles of the Church (**2Cor. 8:23; Phil. 2:25**)

Reasons to Believe The Apostles of Jesus

1. Jesus sent them to teach us!

*“Very truly I tell you, **whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.**”*
John 13:20 (NIV)

*“The one who **listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.**”*
Luke 10:16 (NASB)

Accepting = Listening = **DOING**

2. Their teaching is foundational.

*“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**”*
Eph. 2:19-22 (ESV)

*“And the wall of the city had **twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**”*

Rev. 21:14 (ESV)

3. Devotion Determines Destiny!

*“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴² **They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**”*
⁴³*“Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ **All the believers were together and had everything in common.** ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ **Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**”*

Acts 2:41-47 (NIV)

Devotion has two aspects: Commitment and Affection.

The results of being Devoted to the Apostles’ Teaching:

1. Unity and family.
2. They were praising God because they were grateful.
3. The world around them liked this Church!
4. The Lord added to their number those who were being saved!

THIS CAN BE US!