



HPC 5-Fold Ministry Training and Implementation

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Christ's Provision for His Church

Ephesians 4:11–12 (NKJV)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,



Apostles



Prophets



Evangelist



Pastors



Teachers



When did he give them? When He ascended

- Ephesians 4:8-10

From where and what purpose?

- Ephesians 4:8,12

For how long did He give these gifts?

- Ephesians 4:13

What is the ultimate aim for this ministry?

- Ephesians 4:13-18

The Divine Call

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27–28 (NKJV)

²⁷ NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY. ²⁸ AND GOD HAS APPOINTED (KJV = SET) THESE IN THE CHURCH: FIRST APOSTLES, SECOND PROPHETS, THIRD TEACHERS, AFTER THAT MIRACLES, THEN GIFTS OF HEALINGS, HELPS, ADMINISTRATIONS, VARIETIES OF TONGUES.

How can you tell you have a Divine Call?

- - Learn to listen to your spirit
 - The methods by which men are called are unimportant or the Bible would emphasize them, it does not.
 - Obedience to the call is important

- You will have the conviction in your own spirit
- You will have the witness in your heart.
- You will have the spiritual equipment , the Gifts in Operation to go along with the call.

Whom God calls, He equips.

- • As you mature, you gifting and calling matures. You may start off as an Evangelist and mature into an Apostle, Prophet, etc

Philip – Evangelist Acts 21:8-9

Peter – Apostle Acts 1:25;
Matthew 10:2; Acts 5:29)


Paul – Prophet and Teacher
first and then later an
Apostle – 2 Timothy 1:11;
acts 13

Ministry gifts are not in name
but in POWER!



ROMANS 8:30–31 (NKJV)

³⁰ MOREOVER WHOM HE PREDESTINED, THESE HE ALSO CALLED; WHOM HE CALLED, THESE HE ALSO JUSTIFIED; AND WHOM HE JUSTIFIED, THESE HE ALSO GLORIFIED. ³¹ WHAT THEN SHALL WE SAY TO THESE THINGS? IF GOD *IS* FOR US, WHO CAN *BE* AGAINST US?



Everything you do comes under the
Lordship of Jesus Christ.

MARK 16:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ AND THEY WENT OUT AND PREACHED EVERYWHERE,
THE LORD WORKING WITH *THEM* AND CONFIRMING THE
WORD THROUGH THE ACCOMPANYING SIGNS. AMEN.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church!


- ✓ HE IS THE ONE WHO GAVE!
- ✓ HE IS THE ONE WHO CALLS!
- ✓ HE IS THE ONE WHO EQUIPS!
- ✓ LET HIM DO IT AND WE JUST RESPOND !!

We need to be FAITHFUL to the CALLING!! (2 Timothy 2:15)

- ✓ STUDY
- ✓ DEDICATE
- ✓ CONSECRATE
- ✓ SUBMIT TO THE WILL OF GOD
- ✓ BE A PERSON OF INTEGRITY (PSALM 15:4)
- ✓ DEVELOP, MATURE AND GROW
- ✓ DO NOT INTRUDE INTO THE WRONG OFFICE!
- ✓ DEVELOP CHARACTER

Variety and Balance

- ✓ APOSTLE'S OFFICE EMBRACE ALMOST EVERY TYPE OF MINISTRY
- ✓ PROPHETS' MINISTRY IS INSPIRATIONAL. HE/SHE SPEAKS BY DIRECT, DIVINE INSPIRATION AND REVELATION.
- ✓ EVANGELISTS HAS A DIRECT ENDOWMENT FROM THE LORD TO PREACH THE WORD OF SALVATION OF SOULS.
- ✓ PASTORS ARE THE SHEPHERDS OF GOD'S SHEEP.
- ✓ TEACHERS ARE THOSE WHO TEACH THE WORD NOT BY NATURAL ABILITY BY BY DIVINE ABILITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



THE BODY OF CHRIST NEEDS TO REALIZE THAT CHRIST GAVE A DIVERSITY OF MINISTRY GIFTS TO THE CHURCH FOR A REASON. ALL OF THEM ARE ESSENTIAL IN ORDER FOR THE CHURCH TO COME INTO FULL STATURE IN CHRIST.

God's Plan – ministry gifts provide a check and balance

- ✓ THE PROPHET IS TO INSPIRE THE TEACHER.
- ✓ THE TEACHER IS TO STEADY THE PROPHET.
- ✓ THE EVANGELIST IS TO CONTINUALLY REMIND US OF THE LOST AND DYING WORLD AND ITS NEED FOR THE GOSPEL.
- ✓ THE PASTOR IS TO DEMONSTRATE TO US THAT SOULS STILL NEED NURTURING AND CARE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN WON TO THE LORD.
- ✓ THE APOSTLE IS TO INSPIRE AND LEAD THE WAY FOR GAINING GROUND BY ESTABLISHING NEW WORKS FOR THE LORD.

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THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT OF FACT IN THE BIBLE REGARDING THIS OFFICE (APOSTLE) IS THAT IT WAS FILLED BY CHRIST HIMSELF!!

HEBREWS 3:1 (NKJV) **3** THEREFORE, HOLY BRETHREN, PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING, CONSIDER THE APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST OF OUR CONFESSION, CHRIST JESUS,






The Greek Word APOSTOLOS is translated apostle means one sent forth, a sent one.

Jesus Christ is the greatest example of one being sent:

John 20:21 (NKJV) ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”



A true APOSTLE is always one with a COMMISSION – no one who merely goes, but ONE who is SENT by the HOLY SPIRIT!

Acts 13:1–2 (NKJV) **13** Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Signs of an Apostle: Signs, Wonders and Mighty Deeds

2 Corinthians 12:12 (NKJV) ¹² Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Acts 15:12; Acts 15:8-10; 16:16-18; Acts 19:11-12; Acts 20:7-12



Fruit of an apostle:

1 Corinthians 9:1 (NKJV) Am I not an apostle? Am I not free?
Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in
the Lord² If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am
to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.



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Characteristics of an apostle:

An apostle is first and foremost a preacher or a teacher of the Word of God.


1 Timothy 2:7 (NKJV)

⁷ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

2 Timothy 1:10–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Paul declares he was a preacher then.....



To stand in this office (Apostle) one must have a deep personal encounter with the Lord and an ongoing spiritually strong relationship with Him and is word something beyond ordinary.

✓ 1 Corinthians 9:1 (NKJV) Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

Paul did not see Jesus as the 12 did, but in a spiritual vision



Acts 9:3-6

1 Corinthians 11:23 (NKJV) ²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread;


Paul didn't learn what he knew about this subject from other apostles. He got it by revelation Jesus gave it to him.



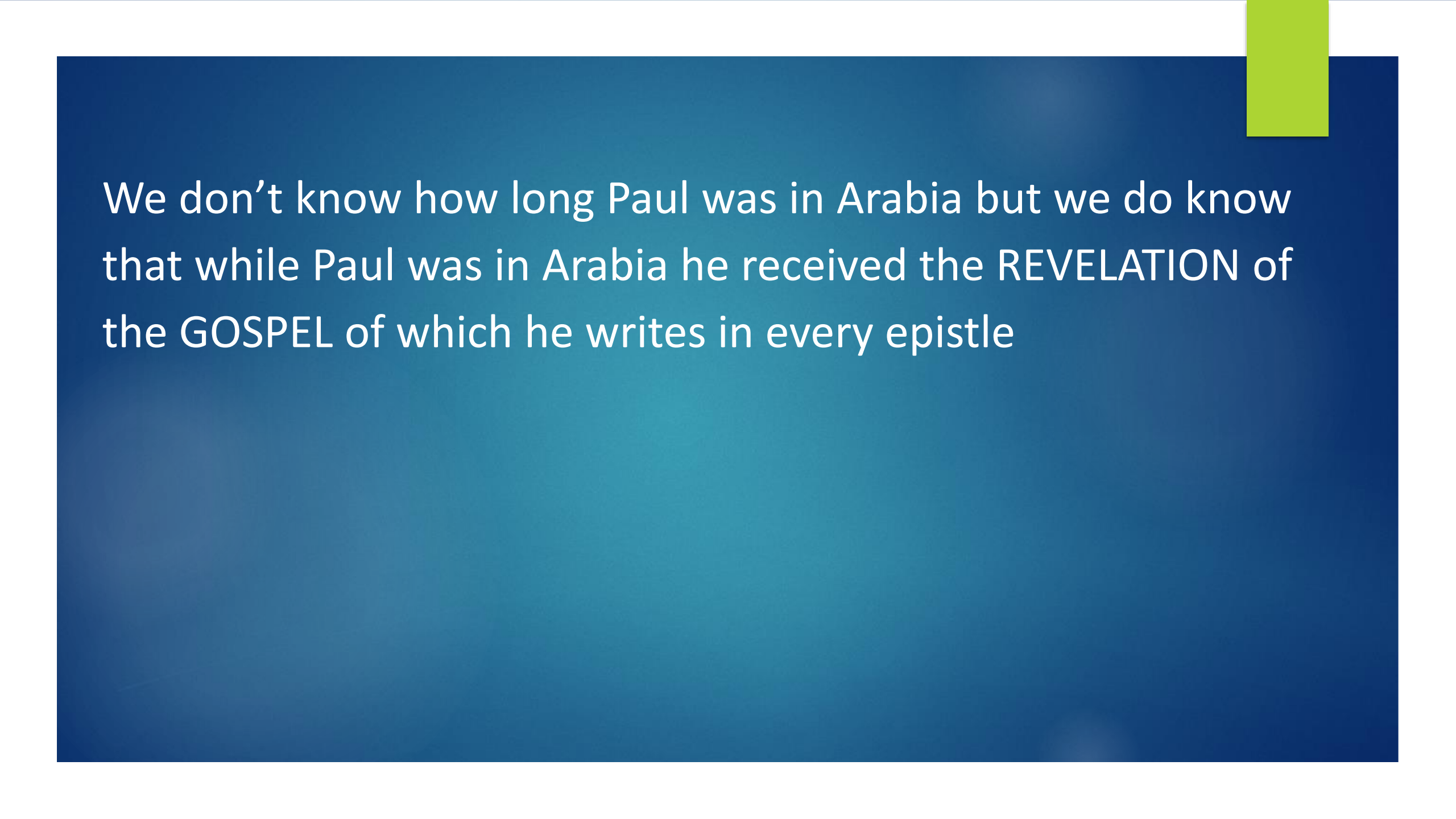
Paul wasn't taught the gospel he preached by man.

Galatians 1:11–12 (NKJV) ¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

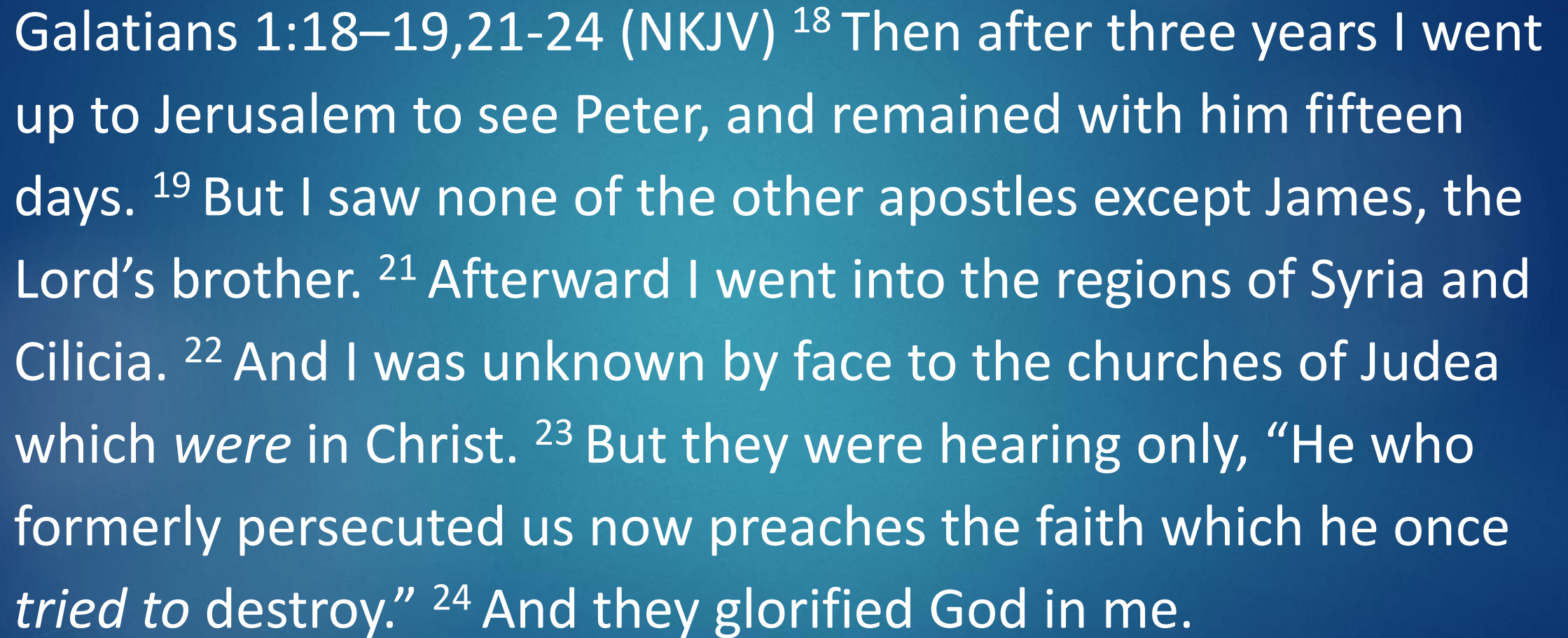
The Spirit of God taught it to him.



Galatians 1:13–17 (NKJV) ¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. ¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, **I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.**



We don't know how long Paul was in Arabia but we do know that while Paul was in Arabia he received the REVELATION of the GOSPEL of which he writes in every epistle




Galatians 1:18–19,21-24 (NKJV) ¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. ²¹ Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which *were* in Christ. ²³ But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once *tried to destroy.*" ²⁴ And they glorified God in me.



Three years after Paul returned from Damascus, he went to Jerusalem and spent two weeks with Peter.

Galatians 2:1–2 (NKJV) **2** Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with *me*.
² And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.



Paul had been preaching for 17 years by then. He didn't know what the apostles preached, he hadn't heard them. It had been 17 years since Paul's experience with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus and being taught by Jesus Christ in the spirit before he conferred with the Apostles .

Paul did indeed have a deep ongoing religious experienced with Jesus Christ!!!



An apostle's ministry seems to embrace all other ministry gifts

The apostle has some workings of all five offices, which would include the pastoral equipment of governments.

After churches are established, apostles may exercise oversight over those churches they have established themselves (1 Corinthians 9:1-2) until those churches are adequately established with spiritual authority on their own.




Are there apostles today?

Jesus is the Chief Apostle


Hebrews 3:1 (NKJV) Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

He was a sent one from the Father to make atonement for the sins of the world.



Apostles of the Lamb: These were the 12 Apostles who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' life, ministry, death, burial and resurrection. (Acts 1:21-22) Their purpose was to witness Jesus' earthly ministry and to give testimony of His ministry to the world. (Paul could not be an apostle in this sense)

Revelation 21:14 (NKJV) 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Acts 1:15-22 Qualifications of the original 12)



To be one of the 12 original apostles of the Lamb, one had to have accompanied them – the apostles and Jesus – all the time Jesus went in and out among them for the three and half years of His ministry.

The original 12 were sent out to be eye witness of the ministry, the works, the life, death, burial , resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ.

New Testament Apostles:

This includes Paul, Barnabas, and the other apostles of the New Testament.

Barnabas and Paul Acts 11:14

James the Lord's Brother (Galatians 1:19)

Andronicus and Junia (Romans 16:7)

Silvanus and Timotheus (1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:6)

New Testament Apostles:

Apollos (1 Corinthians 4:4-9)

Two unnamed brethren (2 Corinthians 8:23)

Epaphroditus (Philippians 2:25)

The word “messenger” translated in these verses is the same Greek word translated “apostle) elsewhere they were not apostles in the same sense as the original 12.

Apostles of today:

There are no apostles today in the three classes listed above. There are no foundation laying apostles today. If the foundation was not laid by the apostles of the New Testament and we need modern-day apostle to do it, then we need a new cornerstone as well. The work of the apostles today is to found and establish individuals local churches throughout the world; to go into new territory and pioneer churches where there is no churches.