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I. What is an Apostle?

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- [Eph 4:11](#) And He Himself **gave some to be apostles**, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
- [Eph 4:12](#) for the **equipping** of the saints for the **work** of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
- [Eph 4:13](#) till we all come to the **unity of the faith** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the **measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**;
- [Eph 4:14](#) that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
- [Eph 4:15](#) but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
- **Apostle....Gk...Apostolos.....No equivalent word in English**
 - Literally one who is sent on a mission with orders
 - **Romans**: General sent into a territory controlled by hostile forces.
 - His Mission:
 - Subdue the opposition, establish the culture and laws of Rome
 - Establish citizens of Rome
- **Each of the Fivefold Ministries has a unique perspective or Mindset**
 - Their mindset is their way of viewing and setting priorities
 - Their anointing empowers them to fulfil their unique calling

2. What is the Unique Anointing of an Apostle?

- **Whenever God commissions a Person He Anoints them for their Assignment**
 - Anointing means empowerment by the Holy Spirit
- **The Apostolic Anointing is an empowerment to**
 - Breakthrough Demonic Resistance
 - Establish Foundations in Believers
 - Spiritually Father Believers
 - Build Strong Believers
 - Activate Believers into their calling
 - Govern the Church through a team

3. How Does the Apostolic Anointing Differs from a Pastoral ?

| Pastor. | Apostle |
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| Cares for people | Activates Destiny |
| Builds Individuals. | Builds Systems |
| Gathers People. | Sends People |
| Shepherds. | Governs |

4. Apostle Mindset:

- Kingdom expansion
- Long-term foundation
- Spiritual government
- Multiplication
- Alignment

5. Comparison:

| Gift | Primary Focus |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Apostle | Build & Send |
| Prophet | Reveal & Align |
| Evangelist | Gather |
| Pastor | Connect and Care |
| Teacher | Ground |

- Apostles think:
"How do we establish heaven's order in this region?"

5. **The Priority of the Apostle in the Church**

- [1Co 12:27](#) Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.
- [1Co 12:28](#) And God has appointed these in the church: **first apostles**, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.
- The Apostolic Anointing has **first priority** in the Church
- Why?
 1. Apostolic grace and anointing unlocks people into function, not just gathering and healing them
 2. The apostle is able to operate in a measure in all fivefold gifts...and can activate people into these callings

II. **What is an Apostolic Church?**

1. **An Apostolic Church is a Church that is:**

- The Senior Leader operates in an Apostolic Anointing, or is aligned and fathered by an Apostle
- They build according to an Apostolic pattern
 1. **Built on Apostolic Foundation**
 - Ephesians 2:20 – “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets...”
 - Acts.2:42-47 Apostles Doctrine, breaking Bread, fellowship
 - The leading Ministry will have an Apostolic Mindset and Anointing
 2. **Reproducing Disciples**
 - (The Word Apostle = “Sent one”)
 - Making Disciples and Maturing them
 3. **Maturing, Equipping People for Ministry and Sending them**
 - Eph.4:11-13
 - Act.13:1-3
 4. **Demonstrating the Presence and Power of God**
 - 1Cor.2:4
 - Deliverance, healing, transformed lives, generosity
 5. **Kingdom-focused, not just Congregation or need Focused**
 - Acts.2:42-47
 6. **Governing, pioneering, and advancing, not just maintaining**
- **In contrast:**
 - A purely pastoral church tends to shepherd and care, while an apostolic church builds, governs, and sends.

3. **What is its Foundational Purpose?**

1. **To Advance the Kingdom of God in Territories**
 - Matthew 6:10 – “Your Kingdom come...”
2. **To lay Spiritual Foundations**
 - Apostles are “wise master builders” (1 Corinthians 3:10)
3. **To Raise, Equip and Send people**
 - Not just gather them
4. **To Bring Alignment to Heaven’s Pattern**
 - Exodus 25:40 – “See that you make all things according to the pattern...”

Summary Statement:

- The Apostolic Church exists to advance, establish, and govern the Kingdom of God on earth through aligned, equipped, and sent people.

III. **How is an Apostolic Church Established?**

Biblical Pattern in the Book of Acts

1. **Divine Sending**

- [Act 13:2](#) 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.”
- [Act 13:3](#) Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

2. Preaching Christ and the Kingdom of God

- [Act 28:30](#) Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,
[Act 28:31](#) preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

3. Demonstration of Power

- [Mat 10:7](#) And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
[Mat 10:8](#) Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.
- [Rom 15:17](#) Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.
[Rom 15:18](#) For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient—
[Rom 15:19](#) in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

4. Disciples made (not just converts)

- [Mat 28:19](#) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
[Mat 28:20](#) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

5. Leaders raised locally

- [Tit 1:5](#) For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—

6. Church planted and revisited

- [Act 14:21](#) And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,
[Act 14:22](#) strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

IV. How is an Apostolic Church Set in Order?**1. What Does "Set in Order" mean?**

- Removing Disorder
- Establishing Structure
- Aligning people to purpose

2. Apostolic Order Includes:**1. Establishing Qualified Leaders**

- Elders (Overseers/pastors who meet biblical qualifications)
- [Tit 1:5](#) For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—
- Deacons who serve practically (Acts.6:1-7)

2. Establishing Sound Doctrine

- [1Tim.4:6](#) If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.

3. Spiritual alignment to Christ (Headship)

- [Col 1:18](#) And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

4. Equipping and releasing believers for Ministry

- [Eph 4:11](#) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

5. Kingdom culture (holiness, honor, truth, power)

- [Heb 12:14](#) Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

6. Confrontation of Disorder

- Practicing Discipline and restoration
- [Gal 2:11](#) Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed;
- [1Co 5:4](#) In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1Co 5:5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

- Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

Rev 2:15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

7. **Maintaining a Mission Focus**

- Evangelism , discipleship, missions, church planting
- Act 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- Apostles bring alignment, pastors maintain care within that alignment

V. **Unique Spiritual Warfare in an Apostolic Church**

1. **Apostolic churches face Spiritual Warfare**

- They advance territory, not just maintain it.
 - They advance, invade, confront, plant, establish
- Pastoral Churches protect, nurture, heal and maintain

2. **Types of Warfare:**

1. **Territorial resistance**

- Daniel 10 (regional spiritual and cultural opposition)
- Apostolic confront idolatry, sexual immorality, economic systems , philosophies, worldviews, political and social issues
- Act.13-19 Paul entered cities with entrenched idols
- Acts.19 Ephesus ...Occult Systems, Spirit of Jezebel
- External warfare, protests (Pastoral:Offence, division, immaturity)

2. **Governmental Opposition**

- Attacks on leadership authority
- Spirit of Jezebel
- Attacks on workers, elders and team unity (Pastoral: Relational Conflict)

3. **Doctrinal Warfare**

- False teachings arise to corrupt foundations
- False Apostles (2Cor.11:13-15)
- Cultural pressure to compromise
- Spirit of Jezebel (Rev.2:20)
- Ideologies and worldviews (Pastoral: personal issues)

4. **Relational Fragmentation**

- Division targeting unity
- Acts.15:
- Gal.3:1-5
- Spirit of Jezebel

5. **Persecution**

- Acts 4–5, Acts 13
- **A pastoral church often experiences:**
 - Personal-level warfare
- **Apostolic church experiences:**
 - Regional and structural warfare
- **Apostolic Churches attract warfare because they threaten the enemy's territory, systems and influence**

3. **Role of the Supernatural**

- **The supernatural is not optional—it is foundational.**
- **Expressions:**
 - Healing (Acts 3)

- Deliverance (Acts 16)
 - Prophecy (Acts 13:1)
 - Signs and wonders (Hebrews 2:4)
 - Spiritual discernment
- **Why?**
 - Because:
 - *The apostolic church is demonstrating the Kingdom, not just explaining it.*

An Apostolic Church is a Kingdom-advancing, foundation-laying, people-sending movement, governed by apostolic authority, empowered by the supernatural, and designed to establish heaven's order on earth—while facing intense spiritual resistance because of its territorial impact.