

CONTINUOUS QUALITY
IS QUALITY YOU TRUST



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GREAT NEW TASTE!

**CHANGE
FOR THE BEST!**



ESSENTIAL MARKS OF THE CHURCH



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¹⁹ 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.

Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)



The Church is APOSTOLIC

What does that mean?
What does that mean for you?

An apostolic church will...

- Espouse the Apostle's Message
- Embody the Apostle's Mission



Espouse the Apostle's Message

Not...

- Modern-day church leaders exercising the Apostle's unique authority
- Modern-day church leaders practicing supernatural gifts unique to the Apostles



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Ephesians 2:19-20

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42

Apostle: Sent one



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And we are witnesses of all that [Jesus] did... They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

The Apostle Peter in Acts 10:39-43



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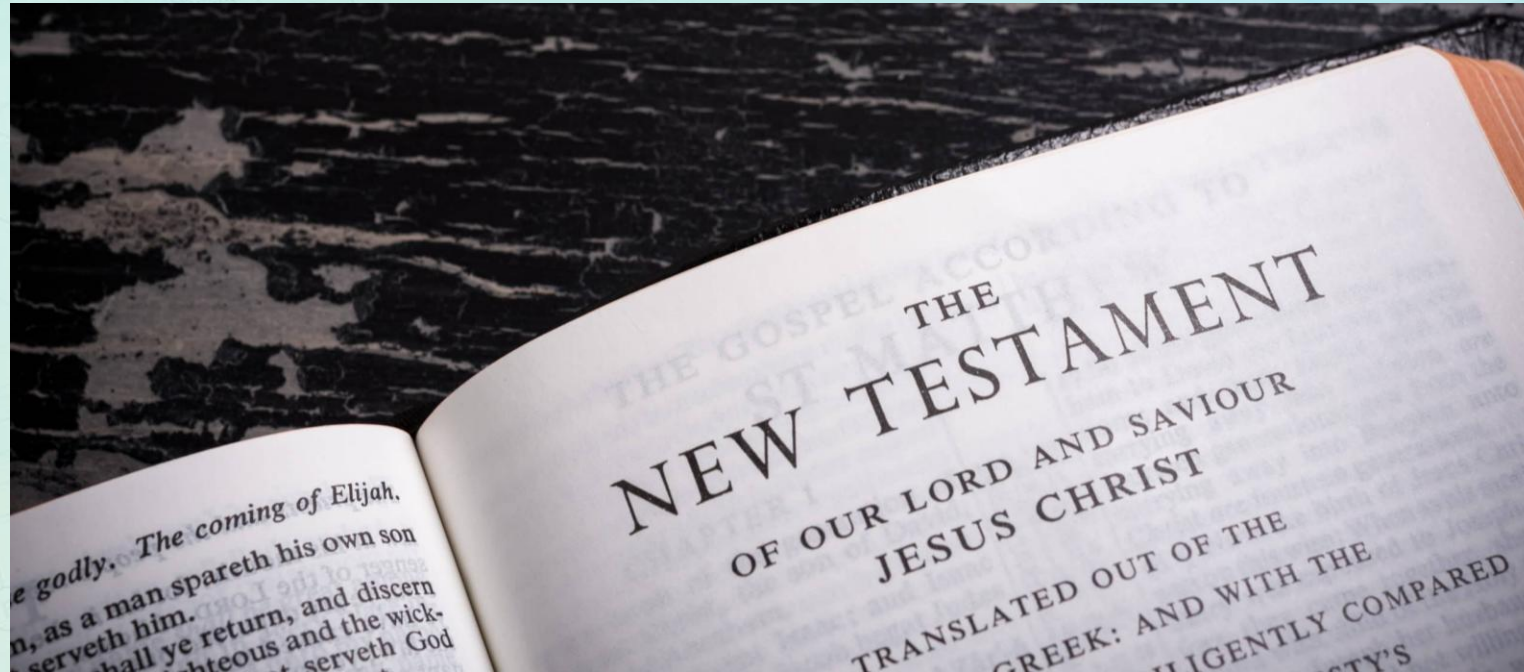


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Espouse the Apostle's Message

How do we know the Bible contains the Apostle's message?



The 27 books of the New Testament
are the earliest Christian writings we have



Espouse the Apostle's Message

The Apostle's Refer Constantly to the Old Testament

“...built on the foundation of the apostles *and prophets*...”

Ephesians 2:20

“...when the apostles established the foundation for the church, they used building stones quarried from the Old Testament... the apostles seemingly were incapable of writing more than a few sentences without quoting something from the prophets...”

Philip G. Ryken, *The Church*

295 direct quotations & 1,000+ allusions or references



Espouse the Apostle's Message

What does it mean for you?

Are you devoted to the Apostle's teaching?

Are you on guard against other "gospels"?



Embody the Apostle's Mission

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...

Matthew 28:19a

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God... in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Ephesians 2:19-21



Embody the Apostle's Mission

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:20



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What does it mean for you?

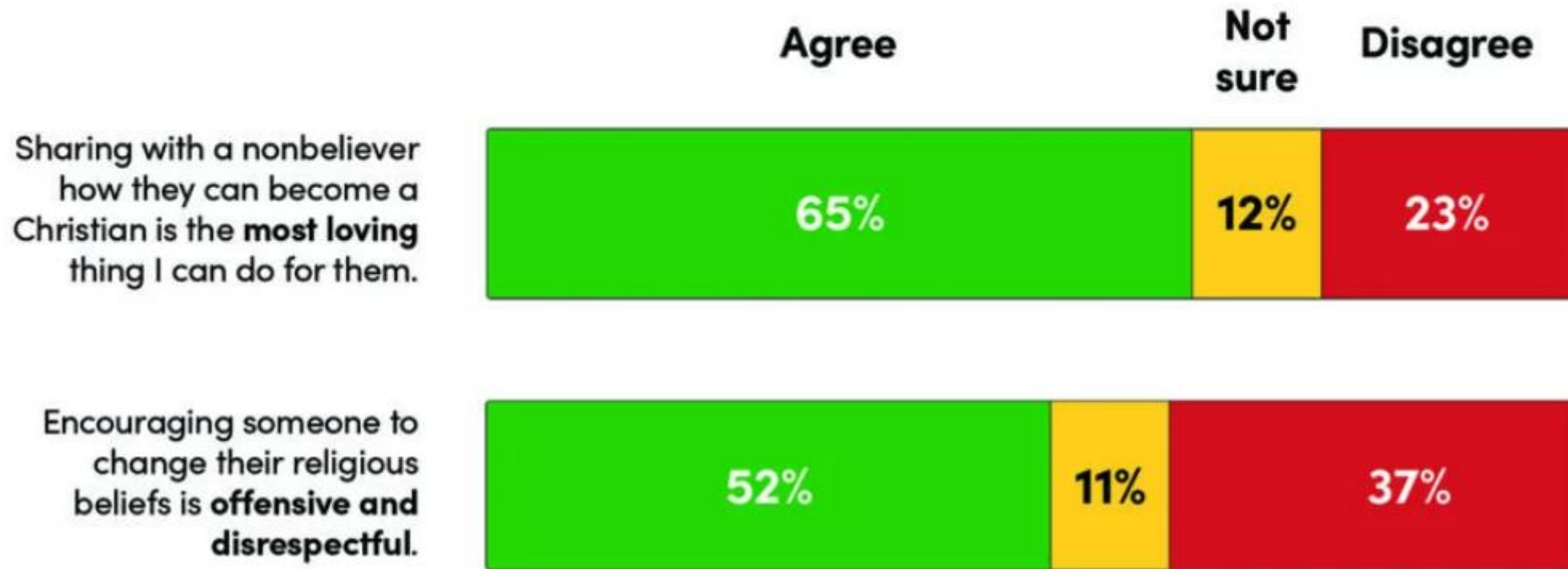
You are an apostle – a sent one with a mission.



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Christians have complicated opinions about evangelism

Among American Christians



Lifeway research

Source: Evangelism Explosion online survey conducted by Lifeway Research of 1,011 self-identified American Christians on April 12-23, 2022



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And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20



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What does it mean for you?

Our Home Groups are designed to grow



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