

THE APPEARANCE



Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4:11-16

**APOSTLES AND
PROPHETS
PREPARING THE
EMERGING
ARMY
RELEASING THE
ABILITIES AND
NATURAL
CALLINGS OF
EVERYONE**



APOSTOLIC PREPARATION # 2

“What Is Apostolic Ministry?”

What Apostolic Ministry Really Is

As God has begun to restore the apostolic ministry to the church there is a lot of interest in the fivefold ministry. Most people have their own ideas as to what apostolic ministry really is. A lot of people think that if you start a church, or you go into the mission field and do a work, this makes you an apostle. But being an apostle is much more than that. It starts with knowing who you are in Christ and not just about the works you have done. It comes as a result of much death to the flesh, and often only after being hidden away for many years. Yet, when most people think on the office of apostle, they see it as a place of glamour and of fame. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Paul knew what being an apostle was all about, as he stated in **1 Corinthians 4:9-13**:

“For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are honorable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; And labor, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure it: Being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the trash of all things unto this day.”

The End Time Apostles

God is indeed calling forth **His End Times Apostles**. These golden vessels prepared by the Lord in the solitude of the wilderness and the furnace of fire will bear the image of the son of the living God. They will wield the rod of authority and power of the Lord, and will cleanse Zion from sin. However, they are not being called because of their fame and accomplishments, but because of their hearts and willingness to stand in the fire. An apostle is born in obscurity, raised in the wilderness and trained in the fire. Yet, as the time comes when he finally stands in office, only then does he truly understand the full price of his calling. You cannot study to become an apostle. You cannot read books that will make you into an apostle. **It is a calling.** It takes the working of the Holy Spirit to shape and to change you through many years. The Lord will bring people across your path to help train you and show you the way. He is going to lead you to places where you can study and learn many things, but at the end of the day, it is the Holy Spirit who will anoint you for this office. If you do not have the calling, the anointing will never be there, and the character that goes along with it will never be forged in you. Even some that have the calling and the anointing, cannot stand the test of time because their character did not develop alongside their ministry. Therefore, when the tests and fiery trials came they were not able to endure it.

What It Will Cost You

So if you feel that you have an apostolic calling on your life, and you want to be a leader in God's army, you need to take it very seriously. If you have had people prophesy over you, and tell you God is going to raise you up to be a man of God, then you better get ready for it. If you seek it because you want to be recognized and to wear the title, then you might as well give up now. It is going to take much more than that to make it through the fire. It will take a genuine calling from God, a pure heart and a passion for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is going to cost you everything you have, and everything you are, as you will be turned inside out. It will cost you relatives, friends, positions, wealth, security and even things that the Lord may have given you. You will suffer such rejection and scorn, that you will become like a worm and the scum of the earth to most who do not see the gift of God in you. It will seem at times that everyone has turned their backs on you, and you are all alone, but the Lord will always be there. May you truly find your path and as the Lord sets His apostles in place, and may the church arise as a city set on a hill for all the nations to see.