

# WHAT IS AN APOSTLE?

## I. DEFINITION:

A. GREEK - ADMIRAL

B. ROMAN – GENERAL/GOVERNOR

1. \_\_\_\_\_ new territory for the King.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ it on behalf of the King.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ it Roman like the King.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ it into the Empire.

C. MODEL — ALEXANDER THE GREAT (MACEDONIA)

1. Conquered
2. Created an \_\_\_\_\_
3. Goal:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ for Macedonia.
  - Teach *koine* Greek – \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Establish Greek \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Bring it into the \_\_\_\_\_.

D. JESUS HIMSELF TOOK OVER THIS SECULAR/MILITARY WORD AND IDEA AND “CHRISTIANIZED” THEM.

1. KEYS: MATTHEW 10:1-2A, 5

<sup>1</sup> “And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.<sup>2</sup> Now the names of the twelve apostles are these:”

<sup>5</sup> “These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.”

- Disciples — *mathetes* — \_\_\_\_\_
- Power — *exousia* — \_\_\_\_\_
- Commanded — *diatasso* — \_\_\_\_\_ (See Matthew 11:1)

2. Matthew 28:18-20 — “Great Commission”

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.<sup>19</sup> 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,<sup>20</sup> 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.”

- Power — *exousia* — \_\_\_\_\_
- Go

## II. WHAT IS HIS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER 5-FOLD MINISTRIES?

### A. I CORINTHIANS 12:28 — THE GOVERNMENT PASSAGE ON 5-FOLD (CF. EPHESIANS 4:11)

“And God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.” (KJV)

1. Church — *ekklesia*
2. Set — *tithemi* — \_\_\_\_\_
3. First — *protos* - \_\_\_\_\_
4. Secondarily — *deuteros* - \_\_\_\_\_ (on apostle)
  - Note: Adverb modifies \_\_\_\_\_, not prophet.
5. Thirdly — *tritos* — \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Anointings are of \_\_\_\_\_ value; \_\_\_\_\_ is subordinated. e.g. — Trinity

### B. EPHESIANS 4:11

“And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.”

- Note: Here the 5-fold are given in keeping with the Trinitarian formula.

C. COMBINE — I CORINTHIANS 12:28 AND EPHESIANS 4:11

**Word-picture of an Apostolic Church**



