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Doctrine of Apostleship.

1. apostle (apostolos):

Classical: the commander of a military or naval operation or governor of a Greek colony

NT: A man in the New Testament officially commissioned by an authorizing agent and given the authority to perform a task.

The main idea really comes from the Hebrew not the Greek. *Sheliach*, in Hebrew means one who is sent with the authority to act as a representative of someone else.

2. Three categories of apostles existed:

- 1. A designation of the original Twelve as they were sent out by the Lord Jesus Christ to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.**

Luke 6:13, “And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:”

Matt. 10:2, “Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;”

Matt. 10:5, “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.’ ”

Matt. 4:23, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Matt. 4:24, “Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.”

Matt. 10:5, “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.

Matt. 10:6, “ ‘But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ ”

Matt. 10:7, “ ‘And as you go, preach, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matt. 10:8, “ ‘Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.’ ”

Matt. 10:9, “Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,

Matt. 10:10, “nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.”

Edersheim says:

... the directions about not taking staff, shoes, nor money-purse, exactly correspond to the Rabbinic injunction not to enter the Temple-precincts with staff, shoes (mark, not sandals), and a money-girdle. The symbolic reasons underlying this command would, in both cases, be probably the same: to avoid even the appearance of being engaged on other business, when the whole being should be absorbed in the service of the Lord.

Matt. 10:16, “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Matt. 10:17, “But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues.”

It is of the greatest importance to keep in view that, at whatever period of Christ's ministry this prediction and promise were spoken, and whether only once or oftener, they refer exclusively to a Jewish state of things. The persecutions are exclusively Jewish. This appears from verse 18, where the answer of the disciples is promised to be "for a testimony against them," who had delivered them up, that is, here evidently the Jews, as also against "the Gentiles."

~Alfred Edersheim

1 Cor. 12:28, “And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

1 Cor. 12:29, “All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?”

Gal. 1:1, “Paul, an apostle (not sent from men, nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),”

- a. Gifted by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:8–11)**
- b. An eyewitness of the resurrection or have seen the resurrected Christ,
1 Cor. 15:8–9; Acts 1:22**

Acts 1:22, “beginning with the baptism of John, until the day that He was taken up from us — one of these should become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

- c. Endued with miraculous powers,
Acts 5:15; 16:16–18; 19:11–12; 2 Cor. 12:12**

Acts 2:43, “And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.”

Acts 5:12, “And at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s portico.”

2 Cor. 12:12, “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.”

Rev 21:12, “And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and upon them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Eph. 2:20, “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,”

Eph. 3:5, “which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:”