THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST.

Do we need living apostles in the church today? Those named apostles by Christ while He was here on earth, occupied a special position that no one else could fill. Christ chose the twelve from His disciples, as recorded in Mt.10,1 to 16--Mk.3,14--Lu.6,13. and named them apostles, and commissioned them to preach that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, Go not in the way of the Gentile, and into the house of the Samaritan enter ye not. Special power was given them to heal the sick, cleanse the Lepers, cast out ~~lepers~~ devils, raise the dead, freely ye have received, freely give. They were commanded to go only to the house o of Israel. But three years later, after he was crucified, and just before He ascended, He commanded them to Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, Mk.16,15&16-- Mt.28,19.

They were instructed in things pertaining to the kingdom, which were not revealed to others we learn from Mk.4,34 With many such parables spake He the word unto them, as they were able to hear it, And without a parable spake He not unto them: and when they were alone, He expounded all things unto ~~them~~. His disciples. In Mt.13,10 The disciples came and said unto Him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven, but unto them it is not given. Lu.12,41 He spake to them of the importance of being ready, and Peter said unto Him, Lord speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? They realized that He was revealing things to them that others did not understand. They, when the time came, revealed them to others and to us.

Lu.22,28 Ye are they who have continued with me in my temptation, and I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Mt.16,13 to 19 He asked the disciples, Who do men say that I, the son of Man am? Peter said, Thou art the Christ the son of the living God. He said to Peter, Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven, and I say unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. Upon this rock, the fact that He was the Christ the son of God.--And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on ~~ear~~ earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose onearth shall be loosed in Heaven. Jn.20,21&22 After He had risen from the dead, He breathed on them and said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost, whosesoever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them, and whosesoever sins ye retain they are retained. And then in Jn.14,26 He promised to send the Holy Ghost to guide them in carrying out these responsibilities, and teach them all things, and bring to their remembrance the things He had taught them. ~~Jn.14:16,17 Behold I send the promise of the Father upon you~~ And I will pray the Father, and He will send you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him--Lu.24,49 Behold I send the promise of the Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye are endued with power from on high. Then in Ac.1, verse 4 Just before He ascended, And being assembled with them, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith He ye have heard of me. 5 For John truely baptized you with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Verse 8 But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

They waited as Jesus commanded them, and fulfilled the prophesies in selecting one to take Judas place, who was one of the twelve, and he (Matthias) was numbered with the Apostles he was to be one who had been with them, going in and out beginning from the baptism of John, until the time He was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection. And he was numbered with the eleven. And in the second chapter of Ac. they were waiting as Jesus commanded them, and were with o one accord in one place on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost came on them. Verse 2 And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven and filled all the house where they were sitting 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to, speak as the Spirit gave them utterance. Peter began to use the keys of the kingdom, To tell the Jews that they had fulfilled the purpose of God in Crucifying His son for the sins of the world, They believed him and said Men and brethren what shall we do? Peter said unto them Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, every one of you, for the remission of your sins,

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DO WE NEED APOSTLES IN THE CHURCH TODAY AS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH? Ac.2,41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized,and there were added unto them about three thousand souls.And verse 47,The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Added them to the church,Delivered them from the power of darkness,and translated them into the kingdom of Gods dear Son,in whom we have redemption through His blood even the forgiveness of sin,Col.1,13&14.Peter standing up with the eleven,used the keys,(laid down the conditions for the forgiveness of their sins) He spake as the Holy Ghost gave him utterance,fulfilling Jn.20,21 & 22 Whosesoever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them,and whosoever sins ye retain,they are retained.

1 Cor 12,28 the apostles were the first ones placed in the church,and The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.Now turn to Eph.2-After telling the Ephesians the condition they were in before they they were converted,Verse 13 Now therefore ye who were sometimes afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ,For He is our peace.Verse 19 Now ye are no more foreigners and strangers,but fellow citizens with the saints and of the Household of God.20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone.

The things revealed by the apostles are of God.

1 Cor.14,37 If any man think himself to be a prophet or Spiritual,let him acknowledge that the things I write unto you are the commandments o of God.Also Eph.3,2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the Grace of God,which is given to me,to you ward,3How that by revelation,He made known to me the myster,(Which I wrote afore in few words)4 whereby when ye read,ye may understand my knowledge in the mysteries of Christ,which in other ages was not made known to the sons of man,as is now revealed us by His holy apostles and prophets.Gal.1,11But I certify to you brethren,that the Gospel which ~~I=preach~~ was preached of me is not after man 12 For I neither received it of man,,neither was I taught it,but by revelation of Jesus Christ.--Paul was made an apostle after He was converted,especially to the Gentiles.Ac.9,Records the Conversion of Saul,Annanias was sent to Paulwith this assuranceGo thy way ,for he(Paul) is a ~~ch~~ chosen vessel unto me,to bear my name before the Gentiles,and kings,and the children of Israel.2 Cor.1,1Paul an apostle by the will of God.also Eph.1,1--Col.1,1--1 Tim.1,1--2 Tim.1,1-.Then we read what Peter says 2 2 Pe.3,1 This second epistle,beloved, I now write unto you;in both(epistles) in which I stir up your minds by way of remembrance.2 That ye may be mindful of the ~~things~~ words which were spoken before by the Holy prophets and the commandments of us the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also Jude 17 But ,beloved,remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ.Now let us take a look at the first converts Ac.2,42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine,and ~~in~~ fellowship,and in breaking of bread,and in prayers.

Ac.15 the early Christians realized the authority of the apostles when they decided to send up to Jerusalem to learn of the apostles whether they should keep the law of Moses and be circumcised. Is not the above references prove to us that the apostles were endowed with authority and power that no one else could claim? 2 Cor.3,6 But our sufficiency is of God.Who hath made us apostles able ministers of the new testament. ABLE MINISTERS=Guided them by the Holy Ghost,By revelation of Jesus Chris

Do we need any more revelation than the apostles have revealed?. 2 Pe.1,3 According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to Life and Godliness,through a knowledge of Him that hath called us to Glory and virtue.2 Tim.3,16 All scripture is given ~~un=to=~~ by inspiration of God,and is profitable for doctrine,for reproof,for correction,for instruction in righteousness,that the man of God may be perfect,throughly furnished unto all good works.Do we need more when we have all things that pertain to every good work?And all things that pertain to Life and Godliness? We are forbidden to add to or take from God's word. miracles the Signs of an apostle 2 Cor 12-12 - Heb 2-1-4 Mk 16-15-20

The Apostles were made witnesses for Christ, Ac.1,8 But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you,and ye shall be witnesses ~~of=me~~ unto me ,both in Jerusalem,and in all Judea,and in Samaria,and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.Ac.1,21,22 Choosing one to take Judas place,Must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection.Ac.5,32And we are witnesses of these things,so is also the Holy Ghost ,Whom God hath given to them that obey Him,There is not a living person on earth today who can testify,or witness to the resurrection of Christ,the miracles He performed nor the Prophesies He fulfilled. God bore the apostles witness to the things they preached with signs,and wonders,and mighty deeds He.2,4.-Mk.16,15-20.And Paul tells us 2 Cor 12,12 Truely the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience,in signs and wonders and mighty deeds. Can those who claim to be apostles today,perform the miracles that Paul and the other apostles did? ?.

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