

BS 6-How the Church Functions-Lesson 3

APOSTLES

1. (Ephesians 4:8 KJV) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

2.(Ephesians 4:11-14 KJV) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; {12} For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: {13} Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: {14} That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Have we come to full maturity and unity of the faith in the church?

Do we still need apostles?

The last of the twelve apostles were dead thirty-five years after Ephesians was written.

Is it logical or even intelligent to believe that God only gave this gift to the church for thirty-five years?

3. (1 Corinthians 12:28-30 KJV) And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. {29} Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? {30} Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

4.(Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens 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; {21} In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: {22} In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

5. (Acts 14:23 KJV) And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

APOSTLE (APOSTOLOS) A sent one, and ambassador, a delegate, one who is sent forth, one commissioned and authorized by another to represent another and carry out his will and purposes.

6. (John 20:21 KJV) Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me,

even so send I you.

7.(1 Corinthians 3:10 KJV) According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

THE APOSTOLIC GOVERNMENT

8. (Isaiah 9:6 KJV) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Jesus The Apostle

9. (Hebrews 3:1 KJV) Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

The Twelve

10. (Luke 6:12-16 KJV) And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. {13} And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; {14} Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, {15} Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, {16} And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

11.(Revelation 21:12 KJV) And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

12. (Revelation 21:14 KJV) And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

13.(Matthew 19:28 KJV) And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Qualifications of The Twelve

14. (Acts 1:15-26 KJV) And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) {16} Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. {17} For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. {18} Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. {19} And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. {20} For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his

habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take. {21} Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, {22} Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. {23} And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. {24} And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen, {25} That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. {26} And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Ascension Gift Apostles (Apostolic Gifts given after Christ was ascended to the Father)

Paul

15. (1 Corinthians 15:5-8 KJV) And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: {6} After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. {7} After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. {8} And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

Other Apostles Listed: Barnabas Acts 13:1-3, 14:4, 14:1, I Cor 9:5-6, Gal. 2:9

Appolos I Cor. 4:6-9

James, The Lord's Brother Gal. 1:19 Timothy I Thess. 1:1, 2:6

Titus II Cor. 8:23

Silas I Thess. 1:1, 2:6

Junia Romans 16:7

Andronicus Romans 16:7

Epaphroditus Philippians 2:25

THE RESTORATION OF APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

16. (Acts 3:19-21 KJV) Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; {20} And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: {21} Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

17. (Joel 2:23-25 KJV) Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the

former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. {24} And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. {25} And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

18. (Isaiah 42:22-23 KJV) But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore. {23} Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?

19.(Jeremiah 3:14-15 KJV) Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: {15} And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

APOSTLES LAY FOUNDATIONS

20. (Romans 15:20 KJV) Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21. (2 Corinthians 10:14-16 KJVR) (14) For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure*, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ: (15) Not boasting of things without *our measure*, *that is*, of other men's labors; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, (16) To preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

NOT A MAN PLEASER

22. (Galatians 1:1 KJV) Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

23.(Galatians 1:6-12 KJV) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: {7} Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. {8} But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. {9} As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. {10} For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. {11} But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. {12} For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

24. (Acts 5:27-32 KJV) And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, {28} Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's

blood upon us. {29} Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. {30} The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. {31} Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. {32} And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

CONFRONTATIONAL ANOINTING

25.(Titus 1:10-11 KJVR) For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision: (11) Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

26.(Galatians 2:11 KJVR) But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

27.(Galatians 5:12 KJVR) I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

28.(Luke 21:14-19 KJV) Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: {15} For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. {16} And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. {17} And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. {18} But there shall not an hair of your head perish. {19} In your patience possess ye your souls.

NO PANZIES IN THE PULPITS

29. (Acts 20:27-31 KJV) For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. {28} Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. {29} For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. {30} Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. {31} Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

30.(John 10:12-13 KJV) But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. {13} The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

BOLDNESS

31. (Acts 4:29-31 KJVR) And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, (30) By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. (31) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32.(Revelation 21:8 KJVR) But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

DEFEND AND CONFIRM THE GOSPEL

33.(Philippians 1:7 KJVR) Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

34.(Philippians 1:16 KJVR) The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

APOSTOLIC WARFARE

35. (2 Corinthians 10:4 KJV) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

36.(Jeremiah 5:31 KJV) The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

RESTORATION OF APOSTOLIC POWER

37. (Matthew 10:1-2 KJV) And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. {2} Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

Power (Matt 10:1):

EXOUSIA-It is closely related to dunamis, but differs by its intent of the delegation of authority rather than the capability of the inherent power of dunamis. (THE COMPLETE BIBLICAL LIBRARY, Page 483, Vol. 12)

Power of God(Acts1:8): Where we get our word "dynamite"DUNAMIS-1411. dunamis, doo'-nam-is; from G1410; force (lit. or fig.); spec. miraculous power (usually by impl. a miracle itself)--ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.(QUICK VERSE, HG.)

DUNAMIS is the dynamite power of God!

You can receive the inherent dynamite power of God, but without the authority to use it, it is useless. God gave his twelve disciples/apostles dynamite power and the authority to use it!

GOD RELEASES THIS POWER TODAY THROUGH HIS DIVINELY INSTITUTED ORDER IN THE CHURCH CONSISTING OF THE APOSTLE AND THE REST OF THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY.

APOSTOLIC IMPARTATION

38. (2 Timothy 1:6 KJV) Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

39.(1 Timothy 4:14 KJV) Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

THE APOSTOLIC CHARGE

40. (1 Timothy 1:3 KJV) As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

41.(1 Timothy 1:18-20 KJV) This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; {19} Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: {20} Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

42. (1 Timothy 5:3-8 KJV) Honour widows that are widows indeed. {4} But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. {5} Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. {6} But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. {7} And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. {8} But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

43.(1 Timothy 5:19-21 KJV) Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. {20} Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. {21} I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

44. (1 Timothy 6:12-14 KJV) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. {13} I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; {14} That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

45.(1 Timothy 6:17 KJV) Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

46. (2 Timothy 4:1-2 KJV) I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; {2} Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

APOSTOLIC LEADERSHIP

47. (1 Corinthians 4:14-16 KJV) I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. {15} For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. {16} Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.