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## Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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# 05-120-20

SOME TO BE APOSTLES

:45 Ephesians 4:11-12 Christ's gifts to his body (his church) so that its members may be built up and equipped to do the work of his ministry. The word "Equip" is a nautical term meaning to set a sail as to catch the wind (Spirit).

5:50 1 Corinthians 14:1. Desire the gift of prophecy (the occasion to speak the word of the Lord into a situation that requires it). Teaching on prophecy.

7:20 Teaching on a distinction between "disciples" and "apostles". Disciples are learners. Apostles are ones who are sent out. All apostles are first disciples.

8:50 Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus has been given all authority and he gives The great commission – to go out and make disciples.

10:00 Ephesians 1:22 Jesus is head of all things. Jesus understood this – Reference John 17:2. Reference Colossians 1:16-18

11:35 Matthew 28:18-20 We do not go alone, we have the one who has all authority within us. Make disciples – who understand what it means to obey everything that Jesus commands. The church has done a reasonable job at baptizing but a poor job of equipping. The church is filled with spiritual infants.

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13:00 Teaching begins on the specific function of an Apostle. Acts 6:1-6 The twelve (Apostles) asked the body (disciples) to select seven, full of the Spirit and wisdom to perform a task. They had the Spirit in its fullness, as believers who had asked and received that grace. Reference John 3:34 God gives the Spirit without limit.

Apostles are to preach (proclaim) the word of God.

19:30 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Preaching is an indispensable element of the Christian faith. Preaching Christ. Reference 2 Corinthians 4:5 Preaching Jesus Christ as Lord and us as servants for Jesus sake.

23:30 Acts 6:2-4 The Apostles affirm that it is not right that they should give up preaching the word of God. The ministry of Apostleship (to the body of Christ) is one rooted in the word and prayer. Of course the church needs more than just apostles and in subsequent teachings the other areas of equipping will be explored.

27:00 An audio break occurs when there is a question asked. There apparently was a question regarding Apostle's functions as they related to the other ministries like teaching etc. Terry gives an explanation of Preaching as distinguished from teaching. Preaching is not merely informative but it brings people to decision with regard to Christ.

28:30 The question is – did the apostolic and prophetic functions cease at the end of the first generation of the church? Answer; no they did not cease – Teaching on the church history of Apostolic succession and its relationship to the Evangelical tradition.

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34:00 Terry teaches on the early church order of worship and the necessity of having both the word and the openness of the variety of gifts from the Holy Spirit. If not the Spirit, then the Evangelical church becomes dead orthodoxy, and the catholic (liturgical - Eucharistic) church becomes dead formalism.

35:55 A question is asked regarding Acts 6 -1-4. Then there are a number of questions and answers, which occupy the next 4 minutes.

40:00 Terry gives a quick summary to include: 1. We are all disciples, all our life, ever learning and maturing in Christ. 2. We are in some degree all apostles, in the sense that we are sent out into the world to proclaim, in our lives and witness, the Lord's message (the Great Commission). Some, however, are called to be apostles - to the church - preaching and teaching for the equipping of the saints, that they might be prepared to minister.

Eph. 4:11 And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ;

1Cor. 14:1 Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Eph. 1:22 and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

John 17:2 since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him.

Col. 1:16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

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word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.

John 3:34 For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for it is not by measure that he gives the Spirit;

1Cor. 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart.” 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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