

Suggestions for Further Study

“The New Apostolic Revolution” and the Nature of the Apostolic Office

As an aid to developing your competence in interpreting the nature and role of the apostle from the Scriptures, the following suggestions for further study have been gleaned from AGTS faculty. This bibliography includes a wide range of materials from the popular to the scholarly and a similarly wide range of critical positions.

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appeared (1 Cor. 15:8), it is often argued that there are to be no others after him. There is, of course, ample evidence for the foundational role of apostles in the Church. “And in the church God has appointed first apostles” (1 Cor. 12:28). The risen Christ “gave some to be apostles” (Eph. 4:11). The Church is “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone” (Eph. 2:20). However, there is no provision in the New Testament for the appointment of successors to the foundational apostles. There is only precedent and provision for the selection and naming of deacons and overseers/elders (Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9).

Admittedly, there is a tension in Pentecostal thinking when, on the one hand, we insist on the contemporary exercise of all the New Testament gifts of the Spirit and, on the other, debate whether all the “fivefold” ministry gifts of Ephesians 4:11, specifically that of the apostle, are likewise operational in the Church. With regard to modern apostles, can Pentecostals logically be cessationists? That is the provocative question posed by the “New Apostolic Revolution.”

In his recent commentary on 2 Corinthians, Murray J. Harris masterfully summarizes two sets of apostolic criteria articulated by Paul in his struggle with pretenders at Corinth.³ The first set is that of Paul’s opponents whom he called “false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ” (2 Cor. 11:13). Their criteria for apostleship were: (1) ecstatic experiences as visions and revelations, (2) ability to raise financial support, (3) their pedigree and achievements in ministry, (4) their personal bearing and

powerful eloquence and (5) their accomplishments at Corinth.

The second set of criteria, indicative of true apostleship modeled by Paul, are: (1) declaration of an “unadulterated gospel,” (2) God-given evangelistic success demonstrated in transformed converts, (3) heroic endurance of sufferings for Christ, (4) divinely effected signs and wonders, (5) adherence to territorial assignments allocated by God and (6) humble service for the upbuilding of others.

As the contemporary church wrestles with apostleship, it is to be hoped that the marks of a true apostle are the criteria by which all such ministry is measured. Leaders of that caliber, named apostles or not, are the real bearers of apostolic ministry.

By organizing a symposium on apostolic ministry and releasing the papers (and some of the responses) in this issue of *Encounter*, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary is attempting constructively and irenically to facilitate a humble and reverent dialogue between fellow believers who are engaged in a sincere quest to find what God is saying to His Church today through Word and Spirit.

Additional papers may also be found in the first monograph of the “Encounter Pentecostal Ministry Series,” *He Gave Apostles: Apostolic Ministry in the 21st Century*, which is being released simultaneously with this issue and is now available through *Encounter* (and Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, 1435 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65802, Phone 417-268-1000) at this website. We pray the

monograph will be a helpful contribution to the debate on apostolicity.

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 2. All biblical quotations are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise indicated.
 3. Murray J. Harris, *The Second Epistle to the Corinthians: A Commentary on the Greek Text*, NIGTC (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005), 119-20.