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An Apostleship is the highest calling in the church. Jesus Christ led a life like an apostle after the age of thirty.

Before the death and resurrection of Christ, an apostle was known by a different name he was called 'Man of God'. He dedicated his life to the Lord or to the works of the Church or 'House of God'. Up to the time of Jesus there was no corner stone to live up to and the anointing was not there to understand the scriptures truly, so they followed what the Lord spoke to them through the prophets, through teachers, in visions, via dreams etc.

Most people misidentify a 'Corner Stone' with the 'Foundation (Rock)'. In case you do not know what a corner stone is? Read Church - The Body of Christ (The Head).

When Jesus started His Father's work, He left His family, every thing and dedicated Himself to His Father's work. The burden of saving mankind was on Him. He was a free person still not free, He was bound to His Father's work. He had the responsibility not only giving the Word but also managing the disciples and the people that followed Him. He showed concern for the people's welfare if they were comfortable or if they have eaten etc. other than their spiritual health.

Like in the New Testament the first people chosen by Jesus were the Apostles, in the Old Testament the first person chosen by God to lead his people was an apostle; Abraham. If you look at the life of Abraham you will see a lot of an apostleship in him. Some misidentify Abraham as a prophet but he did not prophesy (read The Prophet). The Lord told him to leave his fathers house and his kin and he did (*Genesis 12:1, 4-5*). The Lord led him to convert not only his family but also all the families that were connected with him, and he did (*Genesis 17:10-14, 23*). He walked his life as the Lord led him, making his decisions as the Lord told him.

Genesis 12:1, 4-5

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Genesis 17:10-14, 23-27

¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner those who are not your offspring. ¹³ Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

²³ On that very day Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or bought with his money, every male in his household, and circumcised them, as God told him. ²⁴ Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised, ²⁵ and his son Ishmael was thirteen; ²⁶ Abraham and his son Ishmael were both circumcised on that same day. ²⁷ And every male in Abraham's household, including those born in his household or bought from a foreigner, was circumcised with him.

Apostleship according to the Old Testament - High Priest Dress - The Breastplate.

Exodus 28

¹⁵ "Fashion a breastpiece for making decisions the work of a skilled craftsman (cunning work). Make it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen. ¹⁶ It is to be square a span long and a span wide and folded double. ¹⁷ Then mount four rows of precious stones on it. In the first row there shall be a ruby, a topaz and a beryl; ¹⁸ in the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and



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an emerald; ¹⁹ in the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst; ²⁰ in the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx and a jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings. ²¹ There are to be twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.

²² For the breastpiece make braided chains of pure gold, like a rope. ²³ Make two gold rings for it and fasten them to two corners of the breastpiece. ²⁴ Fasten the two gold chains to the rings at the corners of the breastpiece, ²⁵ and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front. ²⁶ Make two gold rings and attach them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod. ²⁷ Make two more gold rings and attach them to the bottom of the shoulder pieces on the front of the ephod, close to the seam just above the waistband of the ephod. ²⁸ The rings of the breastpiece are to be tied to the rings of the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband, so that the breastpiece will not swing out from the ephod.

²⁹ Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD. ³⁰ Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron's heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD.

The breastplate was set on a double span embroidered cloth made of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with finely twisted linen and gold threads with 12 precious stones mounted in gold filigrees placed in order; each stone had the name of an Israelite tribe engraved on them. Each of the colors and material used meant something. Blue stood for holiness, purple stood for royalty, scarlet stood for sin, linen meant righteousness and gold meant precious. There were two gold rings attached on the top, two gold rings on the sides and two gold rings attached below. The top two rings and the side two rings were attached to the ephod (the shoulder piece- the teacher) and below two rings to the slash (the administrator) with gold chains and blue cords. The breastplate was closely attached to the ephod.

Urim and the Thummim were stitched in the breast plate. These were some substance or objects that were placed in a pocket stitched on the breastplate. The word Urim Heb. means to *make luminous* or to *give light* and Thummim Heb. means *perfection* or *complete truth*. There were carried with the Judges and the High Priest only.

Which in short meant to be an apostle life is not going to easy (double fold), even thou he is holy (blue yarn) he is not perfect, he is not free of sin (scarlet yarn). He is made very precious (gold) and is not ordinary (purple). He is not attached to any thing of this world (suspended by rings), especially to the things of the flesh (the blue linen cloth was between him and the body) and is only attached to the teacher and the administrator. Therefore does not lead a ministry or a group of his own. Although he is free from these worldly matters yet he is bonded (gold and blue chains). His bondage is not an ordinary bondage but a holy and precious bondage.

The burden of carrying the responsibility of all the people of God is on him every given moment of time. The responsibility of giving perfect judicial decisions or judgments is on the apostle.

Apostleship according to The Body Part - The Chest.

The chest is the part of the body that houses the main organs of the body. They are enclosed in a protective bony cage. It houses mainly the heart, the lungs, the liver and the kidneys. The chest has muscles on the outside of the cage the chest muscles as well as on the inside like the diaphragm.

When a mother conceives, before the whole child is formed the first part of the child that is formed in the womb is the heart which is part of the apostle. The first church in the New Testament, started with the apostles, the first person chosen by God to build the church in the Old Testament was an apostle.

The chest does very little movements, the only movement that is noticed is the breathing movements, and the other movements are all internal. It houses the heart that pumps blood to all the parts of the body continuously,



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the lungs that do the breathing function, the liver that mainly fights against the impurities that enter the body and makes the intakes of the body absorbable and the kidney which cleans the impure blood.

Colossians 1

²⁴Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness-

The apostleship is a full time dedication. It is a not stop job like the heart, therefore the apostles left their families and dedicated their lives to God's work. Paul had the option of getting married but did not. The breastplate of the High Priest did not touch the body.

Many people who get a calling from God do not know as to what part of they body their calling is but try to be like an apostle and destroy their families and themselves. For a hand can not do the work of the chest. If you are married and you feel you have a calling for apostleship please reconfirm it with the Lord. The Lord will not give you a wife or children if He wanted you to leave them. Jesus did say leave every thing and follow him. When He was on earth as human, the person needed to physically follow Him. Now after His resurrection He dwells as God in Spirit, therefore in spirit we need to leave every thing and follow him. Even I being given a calling as teacher; have done that. But I have not left my family, my wife or my child, but have put them and every thing else as second priority in my life.

Please do not destroy yourselves or your family, confirm your calling with the Lord understand what part of the body of Christ you are and behave like one. So that you may be used fully for the glory of God.

The heart pumps blood from the chest to the different parts of the body, the gospel was first preached by the apostles to all the church. It is the apostle who goes to new areas and starts building the church slowly but strongly by pumping the Word of God regularly directly or indirectly.

Acts 2

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

It was the apostles who directed the building of new churches. The responsibility of keeping the body alive is on the chest similarly the responsibility of keeping whole church alive is on the apostle. When directions are required as necessary, it was the apostle who gives the instructions; like the liver that produces the juices that help fight the unfriendly substances that enter the body and produces the basic juice that help digest the food. What is good is absorbed and what is bad is destroyed.

Acts 4

³⁴There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

The apostle is always connected to the teacher and the administrator like the shoulder muscles and the chest muscles are interconnected. Even the first apostles too were connected to teachers (In the Bible I know of three teachers who were with the apostles) and the people who help is managing the church. The apostles are like pillars (not foundation for it is the blood in which is life therefore the foundation) to the church like the chest is the center point of the body. Even thou the apostle is the pillar of the church he does not have a ministry or a group of disciples of his own. Paul too had the option of leading a specific group but he refrained from it. It was not one of the apostles who were made the first bishop (head of the administrative church) but it was James, the brother of Jesus who was made the first bishop. When very heavy things are to be lifted the chest muscles play an important role, like the faith of the apostle. This faith is irrespective of the faith that is not stop in use in the internal; unlike others the apostle's faith is not activated only during a specific task or situation but continuous.



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Any impurities in the blood are cleansed by the kidney similarly the indiscipline within by the church is addressed to by the apostle.

Galatians 2

¹⁴*When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"*

2 Corinthians 13

²*I already gave you a warning when I was with you the second time. I now repeat it while absent: On my return I will not spare those who sinned earlier or any of the others, ³since you are demanding proof that Christ is speaking through me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you.*

The apostle is not free from making mistakes like a heart can also miss a beat at times.

1 Corinthians 9:27

No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

The apostle works for himself and he does not live of the collection of the church, even Paul did work as a tent maker and so did Barnabas work for his livelihood. This a place where I have seen many who are dedicated to the work of God and take part of the collection to maintain themselves and their families. Paul too had the option to do so but being a true apostle refrained from it.

1 Corinthians 9 [KJV]

¹*Am I am not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?*

²*If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.*

³*Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,*

⁴*Have we not power to eat and to drink?*

⁵*Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?*

⁶*Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?*

⁷*Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?*

⁸*Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?*

⁹*For it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?*

¹⁰*Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.*

¹¹*If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?*

¹²*If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.*

¹³*Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?*

¹⁴*Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.*