



1. Specific Characteristics of Apostles Are Not Repeatable NOW

- a. The Apostles Were Personally <u>APPOINTED</u>by Jesus
- b. The Apostles Were Personally <u>KNOWN</u> by Jesus
- c. The Apostles Were Personally <u>TRAINED</u> by Jesus

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2. The Apostles Were Given as the FOUNDATION of the Church

- a. To Be the Once-Laid <u>BASE</u> on Which the Church Would Be Built
- b. To Be the Primary Channel for Relaying God's TRUTH
- c. To <u>REINFORCE</u> the Truth at the Beginning of the Church

3. There Appears to Be a Fixed Number of <u>TWELVE</u> Apostles

- a. Jesus Appointed Only <u>TWELVE</u> Throughout His Time on Earth
- b. There Are a Specific Number of <u>TWELVE</u>

 Apostles in Revelation

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4. The Gifts Associated with Apostles Have <u>CEASED</u>

- a. The <u>PRACTICE</u> of the Revelation and Sign Gifts
- **b.** The <u>ENDING</u> of the Revelation and Sign Gifts

Summary Thoughts

- a. This is a foundational issue, as it determines the boundaries of truth.
- **b.** The Bible has been completed, so apostles are no longer needed.
- c. The Bible sees no apostles being added (though some are referred as apostles as a general term).

 Pastors/elders are appointed going forward.

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