

Apostolic Focus

The restoration of the genuine apostolic¹ to the *ekklesia* this century has been a vital move of God. For too long the leadership of the people of God has been pastors, which was wrong. The foundation of the people in the Kingdom organism (i.e. the *ekklesia*) are the apostles and prophets², with Jesus as the “corner stone”³ to keep everything in alignment.

The absence of apostles has been a disaster for the *ekklesia* because pastors have the wrong function to lead the people God’s way. In fact, the lack of plural eldership has been a disaster from the 2nd Century.

Pastors and teachers⁴ focus is the people. They tend the ‘sheep’⁵, keeping them educated and their welfare looked after. When the focus is the people, the group drifts, losing the centrality of the Kingdom in Heaven. Like a mob of sheep in a paddock, the movement of the members of the *ekklesia* becomes personal-needs-drive, not Kingdom-driven.

Similarly, evangelists⁶ focus is the lost – the ‘unsaved’. If evangelists are the leaders of the *ekklesia* the group’s focus will be evangelism, not the development and proper functioning of a Kingdom organism.

Apostles and prophets⁷, on the other hand, focus on Heaven. Their desire is to hear from the throne of God and to see that implemented in his people, his way, irrespective of what the people think. Focussing on Heaven and what Heaven wants is the way the *ekklesia* is supposed to function, otherwise they are in a vacuum and religion⁸ takes over. The Heaven-focus keeps the *ekklesia* in alignment with Heaven so that all priorities are in order.

Prophets hear major messages for the *ekklesia*, along with changes that need to be made. They get a sense of what’s on Father’s heart and where the King is leading.

Apostles have a similar role, but a greater one. They receive blue-prints for the *ekklesia* so that changes in function and activity are based on models that Heaven has designed. Nothing originates from man – that’s religion. Apostles’ role is also governance of the *ekklesia* which requires a special anointing to carry out.

NOTE: All 5 ascension gifts function out of a spiritual anointing which identifies them for their role. They are not elected or ordained, as the Spirit is the one who oversees their rise and functioning.

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1 – Read John Kingsley Alley (2002) “The Apostolic Revelation” Peace Publishing

2 – Ephesians 2:20

3 – Ephesians 2:20

4 – Ephesians 4:11

5 – ‘Pastor’ is an agricultural term meaning ‘shepherd’. See John 21:15-19

6 – Ephesians 4:11

7 – Ephesians 4:11

8 – Religion is people doing what they thing God wants, rather than submission to what he wants. It’s man-centred.