

APOSTLE – Defined

The Greek noun ἀπόστολος means “an ambassador”, “one who is sent” – a delegated authority; ἀπόστολος is a compound word from Απο, meaning *from*, and στέλλω, meaning *send*. The cognate verb is ἀποστέλλω, meaning *to send out*.

An apostle of Jesus Christ was the highest official in the local churches ([I Cor. 12:28](#)).

Apostleship was a spiritual gift, sovereignly bestowed by the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation.

The original apostles were already saved, and received their Spiritual gift on the day of Pentecost ([I Cor. 12:11](#); [Eph. 4:11](#) and [I Cor. 12:28](#)).

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