## Apostleship - Explained

- I. God used apostles for recording His Word: (John, Paul)
- II. The last temporary gift to cease was apostleship.
- III. Apostleship was a gift sovereignly bestowed by the Holy Spirit and the point of salvation.
- IV. This gift was designed to carry the church until the completion of the Canon.
- V. Church age apostles were not appointed until after the resurrection.
- VI. We must know the difference between the apostles to Israel and the apostles to the church (Jewish age Matthew 10; apostles to the church Eph. 4:8ff).
- VII. This gift exercised authority over all local churches (Rome, Ephesians and Colossians.)
- VIII. An apostle had to be an eye witness of the resurrected Christ. (Saul Paul, Acts 9:1; I Corinthians 9:1; 15:8-9)
  - IX. Apostles' authority established by supernatural temporary gifts: Miracles, Healing, Tongues, Acts 5:15; 16:26-28; 28:8-9. Healing Paul, Acts 19:11-12; II Timothy 4:20. Trophimus "I left at Miletus sick." Epaphroditus in Philippians 2:25-27.
  - X. Roster of apostles: Luke 6:12-16 read (Apostles to Israel who became Apostles to the church I Corinthians 12:28)