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The Apostles Speak for Christ

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Paul's Apostolic Calling

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Paul, **an apostle** of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus...

Old Testament

1. Shaluach (a sent one)
2. Nabi (a prophet)

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Christ: Thee Sent One

Deuteronomy 18:15

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, **you shall listen to him.**

Matthew 17:5

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; **listen to Him!**"

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Christ Appoints His Apostles

Matthew 10:40

"**He who receives you receives Me,** and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

Hebrews 2:3b-4

...After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, **it was confirmed to us by those who heard,** 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit...

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Who Could Be an Apostle?

Four Criteria:

1. Called
2. Eyewitness to resurrection
3. Did miraculous deeds
4. Personally instructed by Christ

The Apostles Saw Christ Raised

1 Corinthians 9:1

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle?
Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are
you not my work in the Lord?

1 Corinthians 15:8

and (last of all), as to one untimely
born, **He appeared to me also.**

The Apostles Did Miracles

Acts 19:11-12

**God was performing extraordinary
miracles by the hands of Paul, 12** so
that handkerchiefs or aprons were
even carried from his body to the sick,
and the diseases left them and the
evil spirits went out.

Personally Instructed by Christ

Acts 1:21-22

Therefore **it is necessary** that of the
men who have accompanied us all the
time that the Lord Jesus went in and
out among us— 22 beginning with
the baptism of John until the day that
He was taken up from us—one of
these *must* become a witness with us
of His resurrection.

Red Letter Christians?

She is committed to the justice values that are articulated in the red letters of the Bible. **She opposes capital punishment**, she is committed to cutting military spending... (Campolo)

Romans 13:4

for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; **for it does not bear the sword for nothing**; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

Still Small Voice?

1 Kings 19:12 NKJV

and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire **a still small voice**...

voice: qol -Ex. 19:16 "thunder"

still: dammah -"roar"

small: daqah -"to crush or make small"

Better: "roaring, crushing thunder"

Paul Speaks for Christ

Today:

Society: Women pastors

Paul: Women can't be pastors

Catholic Church: Multiple mediators

Paul: One Mediator

Society: Homosexuality is fine

Paul: Homosexuality is sin