

THE WRITER: APOSTLE & SEPARATED — Rom 1:1b**June 11, 2023****I. HIS VOCATION. 1****A. What Is An Apostle?**

1. The Need for Definition (4 reasons).
2. Not a Strictly a Christian Word.
3. Used Selectively in the Church.
 - a) Applies to very few people.
 - b) Requirements for Judas' replacement. (Acts 1:21)
 - c) Ability to do signs and wonders. (Acts 2:43; 5:12; 2Cor 12:12)
 - d) how many people are called "Apostles" in the NT?

An "Apostle" is an official appointee of Jesus Christ who has been specifically sent, with a specific message, on a specific mission.

B. What Does It Mean to be "Called"?

1. "Called" means: to be invited, summoned, welcomed.
2. Called to Something by Someone.
3. Calling Requires a Response.

C. So what does it mean to be "called an apostle?"

1. The Secular Idea.
2. The Christian Idea.
 - a) The Lord Jesus Christ calls.
 - b) The Lord Jesus calls who He wants.

II. HIS MISSION.**A. What Does It Mean "To Be Separated"?**

1. Related to the Idea of Predestined.
2. It Points to an objective.
3. It points to a subject.
4. It points to the past.

B. What is "the Gospel of God"?

1. The "gospel."
2. The Gospel of God.