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Apostolic Ministry Aim of apostolic ministry is Ephesians 4:14-16. As a result of the body functioning.

Every part functions in the body, every saved person serves. If not, who can say they are saved?

Apostles build up until you can do the building up. That is why Paul and Barnabas were sent out so they could allow others to be used. To equip the saints, speak the truth in love.

Apostles are functioning until we reach the unity of the spirit in peace.
Ephesians 4:2

Colossians 1:8-9, 28-29 to present every person complete in X. Galatians 4:14 — form X in the Galatian church.

Romans 1:11 to promote obedience to the faith, for your establishment, confirmation.

I Corinthians 3:10 lays a foundation. Romans 12:3 No self promotion, lifted up by the body.

Colossians 2:18-19 Puffed up in the flesh, not submitted to the head. Ephesians 2:20-22 Built upon the ministry and graces of apostles and prophets of today as well as yesterday. We also are built together.

Acts 8:1 Phillip witnessed and led people to kingdom of X. As an evangelist he didn't have the authority to establish a church. The apostles, John and Peter, need to come and establish them.

Acts 18:24, 19:7 Apollos didn't establish a church in Ephesus only Paul Holy Spirit to unite in a body.. John 20:20-23 After 3 1/2 years Jesus sent them and gave Holy Spirit.

Elders must be commissioned by apostles in proper order, not voted by people.

I Corinthians 15:4 James was "only" an elder in Jerusalem. These were the 12 apostles and then many apostles (more than 12) Acts 21:18.

Once a Christian, we are not only to receive benefit of redemption but to achieve God's purpose in creation. Place of redemption cannot be higher than that of creation (evangelical error).

Redeem - to restore or recover, renew, renovate. Not only to be clean and look pretty but used of God.

God made, ordained men to rule and restore the earth. Satan is trying to destroy the earth and its beauty - man needs to redeem it. Since creature Satan disobeyed then God made creature man to obey and destroy Satan. Genesis 1:26-28

Cannot separate the physical from spiritual. What you do physically reflects your spiritual life (practical).

Apollos did incomplete work without the apostle's 'foundation' i.e. today's pastors and evangelists.

Satan's pride will be defeated by our humility. Satan lifted himself up, we humble ourselves and God lifts us up.

I Timothy 4:3-4 food that God created and that we can gratefully share in. Isaiah 66:17 Not equipped to refine its food like chicken,. Swine - rats do not have apparatus to refine food into flesh so is unclean. Vultures are the same.