

# Ecclesiology — Apostle

I believe the office of large 'A' Apostles has come to an end, but I definitely believe there are apostles (*ἀπόστολος*) or what are known as messengers...

Ephesians 4:11-13 NASB

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, [12] for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; [13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

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G652 – Apostolos G652 - *ἀπόστολος*

Transliteration: apostolos

Pronunciation: *ā-po'-sto-los*

Part of Speech: masculine noun

Root Word (Etymology): From *ἀποστέλλω* (G649)

TDNT Reference: 1:407,67

Outline of Biblical Usage:

1. a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders
2. specifically applied to the twelve apostles of Christ
3. in a broader sense applied to other eminent Christian teachers

3a. of Barnabas

3b. of Timothy and Silvanus

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"Since no one today can meet the qualifications of having seen the risen Jesus with his own eyes, there are no apostles today. In the place of living apostles present in the church to teach and govern it, we have instead the writings of the apostles in the books of the NT. Those NT scriptures fulfill, for the church today, the absolutely authoritative teaching and governing functions which were fulfilled by the apostles themselves during the early years of the church."

— Wayne Grudem, *The Gift of Prophecy in the NT today*, 276.