

We are tackling a massive historical shift—moving from the "Roman Tomb" (the rigid, stationary institution) back to the "Apostolic Flow" (the organic, moving network).

Apostleship is about connection not the reinvention of a better christianity and individual stardom.

Romans 1:5 By whom we have received grace and Apostleship, for obedience to the faith among the nations for His name. We have received a gift, to take to the nations- do we even know it exists?

Chapter 6: *Apostleship*

"All But Forgotten" quote from Papa

Our Lord is clear- apostleship is all but forgotten. This is what He said and how He feels about His long forgotten gifts. I am going to ask you to understand a lost skill of ministry and learn a new complexity. The most successful swindle in all of Christian history has been committed - the question is- can we spot the fake?

What will it take to awaken us from our long hibernation? I believe the wisdom I am presenting will help. Warming up an icy tundra of ignorance and neglect. We are going to be learning new insights and taking our first drink of a long forgotten skill.

I am going to take you on a journey to prove that apostleship has been outdone by falsehood. Submerged in the word of God. I will show you how these falsehoods have risen up as truth and succeeded in the modern church over God's original intent regarding ministry. How and why we readily accept them. In sharp contrast to what He has intended.

All examples of ministry and instructions in the word are meant to lead us into an understanding of our function after salvation. Meant to lead us to a

sustained function. Ephesians 4:13 till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. The fullness of Christ is Him in us fulfilling the ministry gifts. As the continual flow of Ephesians 4 showcases.

Until everyone comes to salvation to live out a ministry. Sustained by the Head who is Christ. If we put together the entirety of the word of God regarding His example and that of the early church. We need to agree on His example and care about it in order to make a reach for ministry. It is more than we are living out presently when we gather on a Sunday morning. Or more than what we even allow ourselves to think about. Apostolic flow exceeds the function of the Roman tomb. The stone has been rolled away.

Let's start at the very beginning. What exactly is apostleship?

It is a small group working together as equals to spread the gospel. He called the twelve, the first action of Jesus was to release His ministry to others. Matt 10:1 Mark 3:13

Release- is that a biblical term? It is the principle Jesus showed us. He took the 12 and said "go ye." Yet today we think all it takes is a degree from the seminary. Jesus found the fishermen and qualified them simply because they followed Him. We have taken that example and turned it into superstar christendom and pyramid schemes. We just don't believe in or practice release. The ancient pill says "an education is better and counts more than our walk with God. I have seen the fallen. Without Christ and with an education or a career it can be a disaster. Jesus was constantly sending and releasing ministry. He never demonstrated an exclusivity of ministry. Or ministry for gain.

Once recognized as a clear mode of operation in the early church- now lost to us. The gift that was meant to revive this world to bring great numbers to the Lord, has been lost.

Romans 1:5 Apostleship is a gift we have all received- to move into the world and nations.



[tracts.com](https://www.tracts.com) is a good example of apostleship. An example of a larger group working together to spread the gospel. It expands at speeds that are supernatural and often seem unexplainable. The life of this ministry fits into places we could never imagine. Africa, India, Europe, Asia, Korea, China, Vietnam, South America. Only through the wisdom of heaven and His perfect release of the apostles, teachers, pastors, evangelists and prophets at work. Using our gifts to reach the hidden places. Click. Like a puzzle. That is to say, everything works. It works because it was always meant to work. The gifts have always meant to heal the world. Never meant to incite competition. Or an office to protect and guard. By not discussing the ministry gifts and only focusing on one top heavy role. It is not a burden but a joy, it carries within itself a life of

its own. It is self- sustaining using every member of the body of Christ. It is easy because it stems from His original working model. The plan He laid out in Eph 4 to the employ of every member. He is the head of the church and He knows what to do. He has given us a gift. This forgotten gift is meant to reach the world. He is solving practical problems before our arrival at the scene. Before we have full knowledge of the situation. I once was on my way to witness the gospel to a friend and Jesus cleared out a small group who were going to make it difficult !

Have we forsaken His masterful wisdom and guidance for a program of predictability? This special weapon works anywhere that there is a gathering of 2 or 3 who possess the same intent of the gospel. Even to the smallest hidden corner of our fallen world. We have within us all the light needed to pierce the darkness. It has tremendous overcoming power when we are obediently positioned. These forgotten gifts were meant to reach the world and keep growing. With no high man on the totem pole the enemy has no single point of attack to shut down the move of God. This is the strength of apostleship. Anyone can show up. God can use all of us. He utilizes a variety of gifts and any saved christian or those good folk who don't know Him that well yet can be called to further the gospel. The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance. Anyone can contribute. That word "without" in the Greek means (outside of). So even those outside of salvation have God given gifts and talents to use. There is no qualification to submit your offerings. The work of ministry will heighten awareness and draw them closer to Christ as they feel His love and experience his plans and works.

APPOINT - typically taken to mean that God has by sovereign rule appointed the office of ministry to those He has chosen. In actuality-

The Greek word for "appoint" means to arrange in groups. This was Jesus' first strategic move: He didn't build a monument; He organized a community.

In Ephesians 4:11, we see that apostles are *sent* with the Word. There is no biblical precedent for an apostle becoming the permanent support staff for one man's private office. The Book of Acts follows this apostolic flow, yet we have adopted a "sedentary" inclination. After Jesus told the twelve to go into all the world, they lingered in Jerusalem until persecution drove them out. Only then did the "fungal" spread of the Gospel begin, reaching far beyond the borders of Israel.

The word Apostle appears 80 times in the New Testament; the word Pastor appears only seven. This is a divine "777" signature on the importance of this gift. We need to heed it. To ignore the primary objective of our Lord is foolishness. He has sent us a life boat we can grab hold !

The Priority of the Sent

In 1 Corinthians 12:28, God has set some in the church. In the original Greek, that "some" translates to a resounding "Yes and Amen!" 1. First: Apostles (The foremost priority: those sent into the world). And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Apostles are FIRST in the list giving them PRIORITY over the others as they FIND the lost. The other gifts are then meant to minister to them.

1. Ephesians 4:13 and He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.

2. Secondarily: Prophets (Those who receive the unique, wise instructions of the Spirit).

3. Thirdly: Teachers (Those who ground the newly saved).

When we rely on a preordained, rigid format, we miss the unique leading of the Spirit. Apostleship was meant to be organic—a living function of relationships. It is not based on human authority, but on our connection to the Head, Jesus Christ (Luke 22). The Great Distortion- “it did not take the enemy long to distort the simplicity of the ministry gifts” Papa

It didn't take long for the enemy to distort this simplicity. By introducing Roman rulership and pagan hierarchy, the need for simple apostleship was buried. With its disappearance, millions of souls were lost to the machinery of "religion."



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Papa

The Lord is clear: Apostleship is “all but forgotten” in the modern world. We have been in a long hibernation, but the wisdom of the Spirit is warming the icy tundra of our neglect. I am taking you on a journey to prove that what we call “church” today is often a falsehood that has succeeded only by outrunning God’s original intention.

Apostolic flow exceeds the function of the “Roman Tomb.” We must agree on His example to make a true reach for ministry.

The Operational Ministry: Tracts.com

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- It is not built on authority, but on convenience and use.
- It is a “daily launch” into the world.
- Why is McDonald's open 24/7, but the Kingdom of God is not? They understand the principle of service and consistent service that is why !

“This ease of ministry and this release of ministry is precisely what allows it to spread so rapidly and become so very effective.” — *Papa*

“For the most part, the church has not been operational since Jesus arrived.” — *Papa*

True ministry is not about paying "officials" to do the work for you. "True ministry is a release of ministry, and we obtain favor from that as it continues." When we release others, we mirror the heart of God.

We have released thousands of Christians into apostleship with a few simple steps of obedience. Simply by offering a platform of outreach. It is a call to any Christian who wants to do something for the Lord. tracts.com has been functional for 28 years and costs only a few dollars a year. It is an apostolic release mirroring the ministry of our Lord who said "go ye". Now offering a digital platform that moves across the continents. They are free to use all their unique gifts and talents to spread the gospel. We are a connected family with a singular purpose. We are completing our work (ergos) for the Lord everyday. No one person needs to be there full time, they contribute what they can when they can. There is a flexibility here that the church is missing when they insist on pre-scheduled programs. God in His genius has provided an open field for ministry. This is an example of a larger group of apostles and evangelists working together. It flows with the words of Jesus who said "you will do greater things. There are thousands of us due to the digital platform. It has expanded at speeds that are supernatural and often seem unexplainable. The life of this ministry fits into places we could never imagine. Only the wisdom of heaven understands how to fit our part into the nooks and crannies of the world like pieces fitting together in a jigsaw. This is the puzzle that our Lord knows how to solve, It is what He is waiting to oversee at a moment's notice. He awaits our arrival to this place. He has waited 2000 years. It works because it has always meant to work- we have always meant to reach the world after meeting the Lord. It is not a burden- rather- it is a joy. It carries within itself a life of its own. It flows uncharted and unrehearsed. It is the song of the spirit. The mind of Christ. It is easy on us because the body is functioning at a cellular level. Deep and hidden we work together. It stems from His power He has

freely given. He is the author of apostleship-He alone is the Head of the church- His body. Just as we know how to move our heads and limbs- He knows how to move His body.

The offerings from tracts.com are available in any language. Over 120 presently. If you need another language that is not shown, you can add it to the website yourself. We are available for any technical help or linguistic concerns for those who need assistance to set their ministry free. This is the pastoral anointing as Jesus set free those He touched to release them to be free to serve Him. We are in and out of it all the time and do not hold a position, an office or collect any money. It just helps and sends. Helps and sends.

These simple tracts have traveled around the globe. With children at the helm. Giving them to their unsaved parents and more. I know what is happening in the spirit. Many testimonies have streamed in from the world citing instances of healing, salvation and deliverance.

Are you alive and well in your ministry today? It is much harder under the Roman model to find your calling. Add your gifts and talents anytime to tracts.com. True ministry is the release of ministry- quote from Papa. Consider the greatness of God when you hear His quotes. He is full of love and His heart is beating for the lost at every moment. He is thrilled when we understand His intentions and move to His simple instructions.



You Are an Apostle

John 20:21: *"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

We can determine from this scripture we are created to move in ministry just like Jesus did. All that He did is intended to be ours. We have been sent. Are you here? Do you know the Lord? You have been sent! The word apostle means to be sent (apostello). The moment we accept Him we are His voice- His hands-reaching out to our neighbors in need.

All the ministry gifts are spiritual and unearned. They are in a league of their own. We cannot attain them as one would attain other things in life. Our legal status as sinners has not stopped us from entering ! The gifts of the spirit cannot be earned or found through education. It has unfortunately shifted to a career path and an official paid office in more churches than I can imagine. Forsaking the organic living movement that would be changing the world.

History has tried to own all 3 of His greatest gifts. Salvation was bought by paying favors and then ushering souls into purgatory. Ministry came under authority- decided by the formal church. Only a few could enter into duties of the church. Sainthood was decided by the church- when it is only Jesus who holds the keys of life and death.

We can discern it is the enemy of God who has contrived to take over the gifts of God. Formality has fooled many- the word of God is our only truth.

Jesus was the first *Apostolo*—the first one sent with a message. If you believe in Jesus, you are sent. You are His voice and His hands. You are an Apostle!

We are all meant to grow into the ministry gifts in proportion to His initial example and reach the world with it. Without this knowledge another concept

has swooped in and fooled us. With the knowledge of history and what the bible really says about who we are we are vulnerable and bullied. Yes, bullied. Right out of our lifelong contribution. The new and better system we adhere to with honors and pulpits and careers is actually the very antiquated system of the old Roman Empire, all dressed up. True apostleship has been distorted through the exhausting repetition of the roman rule. It has taken our minds so completely we do not read the word of God correctly.

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FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD RANGE THROUGHOUT THE
EARTH TO STRENGTHEN THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE FULLY
COMMITTED TO HIM

2 CHRONICLES 16:9



The prophets function in their gifts and give the body instructions on what needs to be done. This empowerment of the holy spirit is unique and different every time. With unmatched wisdom and freedom. As the needs change, rise and fall so the prophetic gift must be flexible. The perfection and work of the Holy Spirit brings tears to my eyes. The generosity, the accuracy, the caring is breathing in heaven itself. We see this in the word of God: the unique leading of the spirit can never be attained with a preordained format.

Relational- the simplicity of apostleship is all He desired for us. It is an organic living function based on relationship- our relationship to Him, and then, our relationship to each other. Which is why He said ‘ I desire above all things that ye love one another’” this precedes our working together. He knew it would reach the world.

Apostleship is a spiritual gift received at our new birth, not a career path or a paid office. The Roman tradition of "Apostolic Succession" was created to validate human power, but Paul was never a solo player. He was part of a sprawling web of friends, co-laborers, and supporters.

Are we all set now? Should not be our question or our mode of doing things. It is the gift of apostleship within that asks.. What's next? Where will God need me next? That was so much fun ! And it is true ! It is a blast to serve the Lord !

A Verse for Those Who Care....

Who has mastered this artful lockdown?
And who has offered this contradiction of the word?
Not me, no, I would not dare
All this pointing back and forth
Has given pause and grown quite absurd
Who, I ask, has the nerve?
Surely not the one who said-
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The Simple Puzzle

Apostleship is a small group working as equals (Matt 10:1). It is a group of friends introducing their best friend, Jesus, to new friends. It is supernatural, yet simple. Like a puzzle from heaven, it "clicks" into place because it was always meant to work. It is self-sustaining and easy because it stems from His power.

The Lord Himself was a living breathing example of the ministry He intended for us to follow. Every day the 12 continued it to the world. They shared the gospel, fed the poor and did what Jesus did. He appeared in the flesh to show them the way. He released them to His ministry- his purpose- his call. He did

not set himself apart as a ruler, but released them to the work. He never said” go to church” He said Go ye into all the world. You ARE the church.

THE EARLY CHURCH

The earliest inception of apostleship was one small group. The first group Jesus called beside himself to learn. It was our Lord’s first choice and example of how He wanted ministry to function. After He would leave the earth this would be the way of ministry He would need. He did not leave an example of rules and routine. It changed all the time, letting God direct them to the needs of the sick, unsaved and demonized. It was a flexible function on the earth.

By calling the twelve was He demonstrating the undoing of the 12 tribes of Israel? This is a debatable point. I am sure of it in the spirit, however, that the inception of a new covenant had begun. He was moving our spiritual life out of sacrificial laws and a limited priesthood into a new level of service. A like minded goal. The twelve new apostles had an entirely different set of freedoms in service than the 12 tribes of Israel.

Jesus said wherever 2 or 3 are gathered there am I in the midst of them.

More than just a nice little saying. He is ready to start moving ! As soon as He sees His children gathered with one intent. He is there, ready to help us.

If they are of one mind- all they need to is to begin to witness to someone who has not met Him and there He is. Waiting to help, inspire and provide supernatural tools. We are not guessing, hoping or merely surviving. We are

hearing, provided for, delighted, in the education we can only receive from Him who knows all.

Is there anything more simple than a group of close friends who go about introducing their close friend, Jesus, whom they all know and love to meet new friends?

This way of ministry, this example of apostleship is an eye from another world. Yet so profoundly simple.

This is not a competition, a show or a shallow repetition. It is the deepest work any child of God will ever have the honor of completing. It moves all the way to eternity. It is a living thriving place that is obscured from the scrutiny of the enemy. As the greater one is now in our midst.⁸⁸

At the heart of it- this is our key to their survival. An agreement so efficient even a few of us could release hundreds and even more to salvation.

It goes before us, it has investigated the path ahead of us before we get there. It lays out a very doable plan. He drops the seeds- there is a trail to follow, if the seed finds our consent the work becomes seamless. He will not merely whisper but often show up on the scene to encourage us in our efforts.

There is a flexibility the static church simply will not experience. Recently I have been led to a particular farmstand by the Lord again and again. He is the Head of the church and He knows what the needs are.

After my selection and purchases I always hear His literal sigh of relief. He wants more than anything to meet their needs and He is rejoicing that this helps feed their family. I am rejoicing too. And I always find just the right colored gourds and pumpkins that I love. He is glad to move His body in the right direction. It is a great joy to hear Him and obey Him. One time someone gave me five dollars, He said to me” you got paid- go to the farmstand”

He really knows just who they are and He knew I could help. The flexible arm of the Lord. He is not stuck in the pew. Requiring registration and church attendance. He is waiting in the field and in the farmstand. For us.

We are no longer children here, but armed and protected soldiers set to win a battle for a soul in need of the gospel. Carrying within us and in front of us the world of the unseen. He has given His best, the most well balanced and effective tools to win against the powers of darkness that hold that soul. We are not meeting without a divine purpose. We are meeting to action. To move to bring the gospel out from our comfortable places.

Overseen by the Master with His unmatched ability and abundant willingness to help us at every turn. His power is an all powerful loving assistance. His knowledge is unlimited on behalf of our efforts to expand His kingdom.

The early church understood this deeply. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things in common. And sold possessions and goods, and parted them to all men as every man had need. And they continued daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Acts 5:42

Chances to spread the gospel have come and gone so swiftly and abruptly without our knowledge of this ancient skill. Combined with our weak opinion of our own power in Christ the enemy wins a great advantage.

Praising God and having favor with all the people and the Lord added to the church daily as should be saved.

Let's look at the conditions the early church was in that led to the signs and wonders and numbers being added to daily.

- 1) They continued daily in a home church- they went from home to home.
- 2) They broke bread together with a singleness of mission.
- 3) They pooled their money and shared and gave to every new and old member who had need. They had all things in common.

These are the conditions that PRECEDED the miraculous events and salvation of many. Fear came upon every soul- this was a good kind of fear. It meant they could see the supernatural move of God- they had great respect for it. This witness led many to be saved quickly.

Are we seeing signs and wonders? Are we rejoicing with many newly saved as part of our new family? Can we really do what the early church did to see signs and wonders? We can if we believe it is easier than the roman model of church and actually give it a try. The critical reach is to make our service to Him a daily reality. The moment we leave the old covenant practices it is HE who can now make this a reality. We cannot fathom it ourselves. The movement it needs to become real is our shift from old covenant to new. He will literally take over at this point and lead us into a fruitful ministry. Our was tracts.com and to author more on the subject. To set the body of Christ free from the chains of sheepdom. Yours is on the way the moment you step out of authority and ask Him for His best will to serve Him. More than generous, He is the head of it. More than willing, He died for it. This is the shift, the change He has been waiting for. He is ready to reward our service when we stop adhering to the static church and actually move to action as the early church did. It will be unique to you and your time and generation and the needs around you.

It is the family of Christ that the world saw in the early church and they knew it was real. They understood something had been birthed from a loving father in heaven. Jesus was in their hearts and it was evident that eternal life was inside them. This is an attractive deal. They were worshiping and rejoicing because Jesus was in their hearts. This found treasure will set any heart rejoicing, for it is truly priceless.

I have never personally been asked of the Lord to sell all and give all. He has directed me many times to share the extra I have. He is fair and flexible and knows we have needs as well. Just ask for His guidance and He will gladly show us .

The hour had come to help the king who had loved them, enlightened them. It was time to do the works of God in apostolic liberty. He now needed them and us to carry on his truth, his love, his way of doing ministry. If we are truly listening and growing up in Him - this will be our response.

The purpose of their discipleship was to grow them into apostleship. To continue working after His departure. To keep the gospel moving to all parts of the earth, generation after generation. Together as one, for the salvation of souls. The growth of apostolic ministry would know no bounds. As it is not rooted in the elements of this world. It is supernatural and with holiness- it is completely free from the kingdom of darkness. Designed by our Lord to have no strings- so He would be Free to move among us. Numbers were added daily and exponentially during its inception. As new parts of the body are added, they in turn, could now reach the world. The light within cannot be extinguished as it is Christ Himself inside of us. This much more than a safety net, it is a high beam in the darkness. Only the Lord of glory could give us such an ingenious plan. He knew it would work with Himself at the helm. Which is why he said go into the world into the farthest reaches of remote areas. We need

never fear we are alone. By exponential growth. We understand the first apostles had it right by reason of their fruit. Which was numerical growth of the body.

APOSTOLIC LIBERTY

Flows from 3 gifts

- 1) The gift of the Father- His Son
- 2) The gift of the Son- grace- Ministry gifts
- 3) The gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Strength of the Mycelium: In a fungal community, there is no "top man" on a totem pole. This is the great strength of apostleship—anyone can show up. Because there is no single point of failure, the enemy has no single point of attack.

Living the Witness The early church

In Acts 2:42-47, we see the result of this organic life:

- They continued in fellowship and breaking bread.
- They had all things in common.
- The Result: The Lord added to their number *daily*.
- Joints and sinews compact Eph 4

Signs and wonders follow service, not status. The world saw a family working together, not an institution. They saw a joy that didn't come from a new set of chairs for the church service, or a paycheck, but from a "singleness of heart."

Whether it is moving across continents or being led by the Spirit to a local farm stand to meet a neighbor's need, this is the apostolic life. Jesus spent years as a teacher (Disciple) before He sent them as messengers (Apostles). We follow that same pattern: We accept Him, we learn His ways, and then—like the fungi spreading life beneath the soil—we are sent.

Key Comparison: The Stained Glass vs. The Mycelium

Feature	The Roman "Stained-Glass" Apostle	The New Testament "Fungi" Apostle
Structure	Vertical, rigid, and solo. Isolating a few super star leaders. Flushing out the gifts of the entire body.	Horizontal, flexible, and communal. Moving into the soil and creating a strong underground community of believers.
Location	Fixed in a building or "office." traditional payment to support	Moving "daily" from house to house. Sharing so none had

	the building and not the needs of the poor.	lack, giving an ability to reach the lost.
Funding	A paid career path. Which ignores the ministry gifts in all and creates a deadened response to them.	An organic release of gifts. In agreement with the Word of God
Authority	Human edicts and titles. Paid positions and human authority running the church	The Headship of Christ. The simplicity of trusting an all knowing loving father who is willing and able to direct his family. Perfectly and according to His will.

Matthew 16:26: *"What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?"* We must stop trying to gain the "world" of religious stature and return to the simple, sent life of the Apostle. Which is God's original plan and will gather more souls.

This is a profound and stirring section. I am highlighting a critical "fork in the road" of church history: the moment the Apostolic Flow (movement, equality, and connection) was traded for the Roman Guard (static authority, hierarchy, and confinement).

Sharpening the contrast between the "House Arrest" of modern church structures and the "Underground Network" of true apostleship.

The Foot-Washing Kingdom: Equality in Motion

In John 13:8, Peter recoiled when Jesus began to wash his feet. He didn't yet understand that in the Kingdom of Heaven, service is the only currency. By washing their feet, Jesus was demonstrating the law of equality. He was shattering the "military rule" of Rome and replacing it with a brand-new governance of brotherhood.

To refuse to wash feet—to deem yourself "higher" or "official"—is to step out of His Kingdom entirely.

- The World's Pattern: Top-down, military, and rigid.
- The Kingdom's Pattern: Circular, serving, and equal.

Apostle means "to be sent." We are not meant to have human authority over us; we are meant to be an organic body that moves together. The enemy knows that a group of equals, hearing directly from the Head (Christ), is impossible to stop.

The Warning of Agabus: Apostleship Under Guard

The end of the Book of Acts contains a prophetic warning that we have ignored for centuries. The prophet Agabus warned Paul not to go to Jerusalem (Acts 21). Paul, however, moved forward and ended up under Roman house arrest. This was the end of apostleship. It was a prophetic warning of what would happen to the church under Roman authority.

1. The Sent became the stationed: Paul was no longer allowed to be "sent out." He was confined to a house under a Roman guard.
2. Gifts Under Human Authority: When we bring spiritual gifts under the authority of natural, sinful men, those gifts become "guarded" and restricted.
3. The End of Acts: The book ends with Paul in a "Roman Tomb"—preaching to those who visit, but unable to move. This is the "Stained-Glass" effect: the living apostle turned into a stationary icon.

Apostleship is the enemy's biggest fear because it defeats him quickly. His masterstroke was to move us from the Dynamic Flow of Acts back into the Old Testament Temple model—where we pay a "priest" to do the ministry while we sit in a pew. He has pasted old covenant laws on to new testament function and thereby reducing their effectiveness for centuries.

The Fungal Strength: The Underground Network

Just as hitting the water at the wrong angle, for a diver, can have devastating consequences—so hitting life or faith with a wrong set of assumptions can cause what I call “spiritual strokes”

Leaving us weaker and ineffective.

By understanding and removing the set of rigid structures of Rome we remove the pressure. The intense falseness is gone, revealing the soft fertile underground that is ready for seed planting.

Life itself is more difficult if we do not understand the forces pressing upon us. So in the spirit realm we need to understand the unseen world and its power, in order to engage and win.

We have been sold a “one-dimensional” tradition when we were meant for a “two-dimensional” life—where Heaven and Earth meet in our activity.

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Let's take a look at the real world of fungi and the fungal community. At first glance, we can be afraid of mushrooms. At least this is my response- I steer clear. I do not even want to know which ones are safe. The fungi are

born into an intelligent community. Which would have helped all of us to have been so lucky.

The quiet mycelium has a persistent underground community. For every mushroom you see above the ground it has tentacles that have reached beneath the soil to find other fungi. They communicate intelligently with one another. Having been recently been found to transfer not only signals but actual nutrients. There is not one BOSS mushroom as all connected are offering support and substance to even the weakest member. By this detail, they are ensuring wholeness for every member which secures their ability to continue and to serve. Service. The key that unlocks the Roman forum. And so the chain of service and supply continues to work. In the ecosystem of the fungi and in the church if we will resolve to its genius..

This mycorrhizal network has no central head. Therefore it remains invisible and underground. These unseen daily connections are defeating its enemies consistently.

This same system was designed by God for the success of apostleship. We just have not heard about it- and probably have not experienced much of it. As the system we see ourselves in today, was designed for Roman citizens to watch a ceremony. It was never meant to support us. Not like the fungal community of apostles could.

Apostles are not CEO's who run the place. There is no place. We are the place, we are His home. There are only needs. People who are lost. Apostles and evangelists are the primary gift that connects the lost to the rest of the body. For service. To then move them to pastoring, teaching-

after they have found them. Apostle is not a title. It is not an office. Or a king. They are extending the network of growth into the soil of the body of Christ for protection. Spreading life through the spiritual ecosystem with bottom up support. With healing supply that drives more into the field of ministry.

The rigid roman building that ends church service at 11 am cannot supply this. It has become a static destination. The living interdependent base of the apostolic ecosystem is more intelligent. It does not believe a building that closes and opens its doors at whim and not based according to need, is the best God has left us.

Which is focusing its base as a place of attendance. To tap into the fungi underground system of apostleship creates a resonance of vibration. A network bursting with intelligence as Christ is dwelling with us and among us. We are not rowing alone but within a group~ the vibration drives the group to further reaches and goals of ministry. As described in Ephesians 4- team roles not ranks or titles. Our leader is Christ~ we can stop looking for one. The weight has become light with even distribution. This is His idea for New Testament function which He is perfectly able to accomplish.

Fashioned and formed for His mercy, we are a surrogate of His love. Looming and weaving together to find the lost. The enemy will move on to find a more visible target- to those who are less prepared and less protected. As children protected within the folds of a family, as members surround each other. The body is so large and healthy in this obedience, the enemy would hardly have an effect on us. When together in this

formation it is as we are strands of titanium as the strongest bonds of the spiritual kind are actually holding us together. Eph 4 joints compacted. Listen to the language of the spirit- we are never described as being so strong as when we are in the ministry gifts together. It is not a passing thought, a cute saying. It is an invitation to greatness. It is the patented design of our Lord to see us through any situation or attack while serving Him. The church simply cannot experience this if we are adhering to an old covenant practice or stuffed in a seat under authority which excludes the gifts in all.

We would understand with lightning speed why and where the spirit of God is moving us. This is truly a rewarding and exciting place to be- I love it here. I have moved into it many times in this life. It is here after following His seed I always felt completely protected, safe and knowledgeable through Him.

Apostleship is rewarded with new souls, salvation is born in others and we can feel the joy of the Lord, which becomes ours. It is the experience we have that causes us to grow. Not the endless sitting in a fixed pattern. Persecution that would arrive can actually be prevented by His words of wisdom. Other times that situation will be healed by the body itself. Just as a cut on our flesh drives white blood cells to miraculously heal that cut, so the body will retrieve its healing powers. I have experienced it many times. The body moves into perfect formation and heals its own wounds in love. Now the body can continue. Just as our flesh heals, and continues to serve us. It is the miracle plan of God that the body of Christ will also work this way. The gifts of our brothers and sisters will arise and set us free. He is giving in equal measure these gifts in equal proportion for our

efforts. The supernatural gifts of God have always been available and even more so under the obedience of apostleship.

The most effective possible formation has been given. As easy on us as salvation has been. A free gift. This has been undermined by the enemy of God. Dynamous! More value and ease than the previous covenant.

True Apostleship is like a school of fish or a mycelial network. It is an "underground" strength that the enemy cannot target.

- Invisibility to the Enemy: If there is no "top man" on the totem pole, the enemy doesn't know who to strike. He sees a crowd of unity, protected by angels.
- The Power of Two or Three: Jesus said, "*Wherever two or three are gathered, there am I.*" Recently, while witnessing the gospel to someone who did not know the Lord, in a library, I felt a heavenly presence. I thought it was an angel, but the Lord corrected me: "No, that was ME." He is always present in the *activity* of reaching the lost.

Perhaps we are not striving to be so connected as our fungal community. We settle for a lesser ministry and existence. Which is all "go to church" can offer us. It is our real participation in sharing the gospel that moves us to a complete fullness of experience in the Lord. For you are giving life. And you will receive life. We have heard the good news, and experienced His love. Yet we offer ourselves and are bound to a repetitive and legalistically imposed routine every week. Instead we can offer ourselves to Him directly as a vessel of the good news

we know to be true. It is a much better deal for all involved. Because it is a superior covenant !

Jesus said we are the light of the world. Yet believing His best ministry has already been given, we no longer reach for the best we can be. His best forsaken tool for the lost has been stolen. There are more kinds of apostleship than we even know. He alone can transform us to meet His every purpose and fulfill the needs in front of us. In amazing and deep ways- for He knows the heart and how to reach each situation to that person's heart.

Beyond the "Bake Sale" Tradition

There is nothing wrong with a bake sale or a rummage sale, it is just that they do not save souls like the "Daily Launch" of Apostleship. We have swallowed the pill of "anointed, delegated authority," parking ourselves in the Old Testament while the world suffers.

Apostleship is an Apostolic Liberty. It is the freedom to hear the Spirit's "whisper" at every turn. Like white blood cells rushing to a cut, a true apostolic body heals its own wounds through the diverse gifts of its members.

We are not called to "Go to Church"; we are called to "Go into all the world."

Comparative Summary: The Flow vs. The Guard

The Roman Guard (Tradition)	The Apostolic Flow (Truth)
Static: Sitting in a pew. Held under a passive non productivity	Kinetic: Moving in the world.
Military: One "Commander" (Pastor). A non biblical authority- not described anywhere in the new testament as function	Brotherhood: A group of equals. The working function of the new testament as described in ephesians 4
Limited: Ministry for the few. An old covenant practice that our enemy has sought to maintain and imitate	Exponential: Ministry for all.
Visible Target: Easy to attack. Solitary leaders are subject to accusation and held to a worldly account because can be held as a single point of failure that	Underground: Hidden in unity. The enemy is confused who is doing what cannot pin point us out for

dissolves a church- a false office God would never set anyone up	persecution as easily- only accounting is the souls saved
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Dressed as Kings

When we finally understand that we are dressed as kings only when we are in His service, we find a "rest" that the world cannot give.

I wrote this little poem about the birds on the deck who were frolicing in the winter snow. Mesmerized by their simplicity and playful activity- my intent grew much deeper. Can we be at last satisfied with the simple gifts of apostleship? It is then we are fully found in Him, in love with Him and He with us. And that great love He has for the world becomes ours as well. At last, they see Him.

As christians as apostles. When we understand we are dressed as Kings only in His service only then we are truly free. As free as the birds, as truly, we have seen at last, the beauty of the birds and how we are dressed as they are. AS
KINGS

DRESSED AS KINGS

NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS

I SEE YOUR COLORS AND I AM BLESSED

RED BLUE GREY TUCKED INSIDE YOUR TENDERNESS

IN THE BLEAK MID WINTER I
TINY TWITTERS OF YOUR HEAD I SPY
WORLDS ABOUT ME FALL- THEY FLY
BOWING TO YOUR MAJESTY
THEY SHAKE AND SHIVER YOUR BOUGH OF SNOW
DRESSED AS KINGS THEY'LL NEVER KNOW
IS IT NOW ENOUGH FOR ME?
IS IT NOT A REST FOR ME?
THEN AM I- NOW AM I
ONLY TO BE FOUND IN THEE
BROKEN BONDS OF RULE IN THEE
OFF MY BITTERS FREE IN THEE
IS IT NOT THE BEST FOR ME
FOR ONLY NOW I AM
IMMERSED IN THEE
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CHAPTER 15: UNITY

The Strength of the Living Body

Unity is not just a theological concept; it is a biological necessity. Your own body wins the victory every day because its cells move in perfect, unthinking

agreement—converting oxygen to energy, food to strength. It is a gift of "cellular fun" contrived by a loving Father.

The Body of Christ was intended to function with that same organic fluidity. Unity was the primary strength of the early church. The enemy cannot overcome the strategic power of a unified people, which is why he has worked so tirelessly to divide and weaken our bond.

Apostolic Liberty: By moving in equality, we shake loose the "pride of life" and the jockeying for position that we have a tendency for. It plagues human systems. Jesus said not so among you Luke 22- pointing us to something far better. When we are equal, the enemy has no "high ground" to seize. Where one of us is weak, another stands strong to fill the gap. This is love overcoming hate; light overcoming darkness.

The Predator and the Blur

In 1 Corinthians 12, we are reminded that we are one body with many parts. When we move as one, the predator (the enemy) loses his target.

- **The Blurred Image:** Just as a school of fish or a swarm of bees confuses a predator, our unity blurs our image to the enemy. He cannot pick out just one of us because we are moving too closely together in tandem with our brothers and sisters.
- **The Vulnerable Target:** The enemy feasts only where there is division, hatred, and inequality. He waits for a "meal" of isolated souls.

Even nature teaches us this: The V-formation of seagulls reduces drag and saves the entire group. Without this unity, few would survive the journey. We cannot find this life-saving formation in the rigid, cement-like rules of the "Roman"

church model. Our Lord does not move in a military march; He moves in the graceful dance of brotherhood.



Breaking the Silence: From Pews to Apostleship

We have been dismantled. We sit as "solid as cement" in pews, believing that one person (the Pastor) has all the authority and we have none. This is not revival; it is the "shallows of repetition."

The enemy has maneuvered us out of our greatest gift. We "assemble" once or twice a week, but we do not function. True ministry is the expression of your soul—it is taking the mercy you have received and pouring it out into the world.

- The Distortion: The "Roman" inversion has turned the *least* listed gift (pastor) into the *only* functioning office, while the *foremost* gift (apostle) is ignored.

- The Consequence: Great moves of God are often suffocated by tradition, ending in a "church play" or a "bake sale" because we don't know how to release the ministry to the people.

Ephesians 4:12 tells us that the purpose of ministry is to *equip the saints* for the work. We are no longer "sheep in a pew"—we are a five-fold army.

The Underground Network: Our Key to Survival

Apostleship is not a show; it is an underground network. It is designed to be obscured from the enemy's scrutiny while it feeds, heals, and saves.

- How to Begin: Believe the Word. Position yourself in obedience. Make yourself available for any gift.
- The Strategy: Join with other believers. Wait for His instructions. Move together.

We carry the seed of the Gospel within us. We cannot afford to "sleep the sleep of sheep" while future generations depend on us to restore this ancient skill. This is how we escape the "lumps" of inactivity and become the "sweep" of the Spirit.

The Final Word

We conclude with a sobering reality from our Father regarding the state of the modern institution versus His original intent:

"Satan has created many small lumps throughout that do nothing everywhere. This is why you can go to each church and no real revival starts. I intended apostleship to sweep through the land—and never end." — *Papa*

Summary Table: The Restoration of the Sent

The lump

<p>The "Lump" (Stationary)</p>	<p>The "Sweep" (Apostolic)</p>
<p>Focuses on the building. Never changes. The lump is held in never going out to the world and its needs.</p>	<p>Focuses on the world. Outreach to the world. Flexible to the needs of the world around us. Moving, changing according to the needs.</p>
<p>Reliant on one man's gift. Excluding the primary ministry gifts described in Ephesians 4</p>	<p>Reliant on the Body's diversity. Including the ministry gifts described in Ephesians 4.</p>
<p>Repetitive and predictable- organized and static.</p>	<p>Organic and "daily." A daily launch following the leading of the spirit. A dual rejoicing- His joy will be ours.</p>

<p>Vulnerable to pride/hierarchy.</p>	<p>Protected by equality/unity.</p>
<p>A "Church" to visit. Not connected to each other for ministry beyond the walls.</p>	<p>An "Underground Network" to join. To be connected is to hear His every whisper. We understand He has a plan and where we are meant to go. It is meaningful and bears fruit.</p>

Now a focused, powerful call to action. We move from the history of how we lost the gift to the practical, fungal beauty of how we take it back.





PAUL~ not all about PAUL~ I am sorry

It is a common misconception that Paul was a "lone wolf" or a rogue operator. When you look closely at his letters, he actually comes across as a master collaborator who was deeply dependent on a diverse network of men and women.

The group of christians with one intent is the expression of Christ, not a one man show. Paul the apostle did not work alone why do we have a one man show? He needed many coworkers to accomplish the gospel and so do we.

An apostle is not a rank above others but a function. Paul acknowledges the underground network that makes his work possible. Paul knew if the supply from the group failed the mission would fail. What makes us think we are so different?

Paul's life and ministry shows us him as a team member, not a canonized saint from Rome. Nor was he an unreachable figure or a solo act. This is the lie in the

stained glass window. Paul was just like us today, in need of a group of Christians who stood by him and beside him on his journey.

His life is an expression that our network creates a high wind and a sail we can follow for the Lord. With every member caring for one another we are a sustained and highly functional group. This is the vibration that drives the body to further reaches and further shores with the gospel and works of ministry.

We are capable and meant to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and house the poor. If it were not so, Jesus would not have spoken it to us. 999 He does not count us as able by ourselves, but rather- He knows He is able.

We are not rowing alone but catching the wind of a shared sail. GEM

The strength of apostleship is an unknown one. As we seldom approach it. We would be interconnected with a shared mission. Our supply is shared resources and our spiritual goal is our strength. This is the superglue combination that would give us all the nutrients to gain a level of resilience we would not have alone. This has always been the genius plan of our Lord. Who dwells with us when the gifts are operating 00 which is beyond benefit= it is heaven on earth.

Here is a breakdown of the colleagues and friends Paul mentions in Acts, Romans, and 1 & 2 Corinthians.

The Book of Romans (Chapter 16)

Romans 16 is essentially a "shout-out" list that proves Paul worked within a massive, integrated team. He mentions roughly 26 people by name.

- Phoebe: A deacon of the church in Cenchreae. Paul entrusted her with the delivery of the letter to the Romans—a massive responsibility.
- Priscilla and Aquila: Paul calls them his "fellow workers in Christ Jesus" who risked their lives for him.
- Andronicus and Junia: Paul refers to them as "outstanding among the apostles" and notes they were in prison with him.
- Urbanus: Explicitly called "our fellow worker in Christ."
- Timothy: Paul's protégé and "fellow worker."
- Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater: Referred to as his "kinsmen."
- Tertius: The scribe who actually wrote down the letter as Paul dictated it.
- Gaius: Paul's host, who provided a base of operations for the whole church.
- Erastus: The city's director of public works.

1 & 2 Corinthians

In his correspondence with the Corinthian church, Paul often shares the "byline" of the letter, showing he wasn't writing in isolation.

- Sosthenes: Co-sender of 1 Corinthians (1 Cor 1:1).
- Timothy: Co-sender of 2 Corinthians (2 Cor 1:1). Paul frequently sent Timothy to represent him when he couldn't be there in person.
- Apollos: A powerful orator. While the church tried to pit them against each other, Paul insisted they were "fellow workers" (1 Cor 3:9).

- Titus: Paul's "partner and fellow worker" (2 Cor 8:23). Titus was the one Paul trusted to handle the difficult task of collecting funds for the poor in Jerusalem.
- Chloe's People: The informants who kept Paul updated on the church's welfare (1 Cor 1:11).
- Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus: Paul mentions they "supplied what was lacking" and refreshed his spirit (1 Cor 16:17).

The Book of Acts

While Luke (the author of Acts) is the one writing, he documents the various "missionary teams" Paul traveled with.

- Barnabas: The man who first sponsored Paul and took him on the first missionary journey.
- Silas (Silvanus): Paul's primary companion during the second missionary journey after he parted ways with Barnabas.
- John Mark: Though they had a falling out early on, he was part of the original team.
- Aristarchus, Secundus, and Gaius: Travel companions from various regions (Macedonia and Galatia) who represented the unity of the early church.
- Luke: Identified by the "we" passages in Acts, showing the physician was physically present with Paul during his travels and shipwrecks.

Summary Table: Paul's Key "Team" Roles attached at conversation starts here

Describing the roles of the team that helped Paul during his apostolic journeys. It is very significant that so many were helping Paul. They were not under him, but co-workers with him.

<p>Role of fellow Apostles- It is important not to overlook their significant role. To enlighten us and release us to the same gift they were employing.</p>	<p>Key Names</p>
<p>Financial/Logistical Support</p>	<p>Phoebe, Gaius, Erastus, Lydia (Acts)</p>
<p>Co-Authors/Scribes</p>	<p>Sosthenes, Timothy, Tertius</p>

Travel Partners	Barnabas, Silas, Luke, Aristarchus
Gospel Partners (Equals)	Priscilla, Aquila, Apollos, Titus

A Note on the "Lone Wolf" Image:

I mentioned that "Rome" has portrayed Paul as a sole player. Historically captured in art, stained glass art of great cathedrals as chief apostle. While Church tradition often focuses on Paul's individual theology, his own writings contradict the idea of a solitary hero. He consistently uses the Greek word *synergoi* (συνεργοί), which literally translates to "fellow-workers" or "team-players."

The concept of "Apostleship" as a collective, fungal-like network rather than a solitary, stained-glass statue is a powerful shift in our perspective. To understand Paul's life and journey was not a solitary adventure we are essentially deconstructing a centuries-old "Great Man" myth to reveal the vibrant, messy, and essential community that actually powered the early Church.

Epaphroditus-According to Philippians 2:25, Epaphroditus was a companion in labor and fellow soldier of Paul's, and if we read the Greek text he was the apostle to the Philippian church—not Paul! Interestingly Epaphroditus was not an official saint of the Catholic church, viewed as subordinate to Paul. So even

the King James translation does not use the word apostle but rather calls him the “messenger” to the Philippian church. Do we see that the words used in the Bible to describe ministry have been used for centuries as titles of authority instead of descriptions of function and service to God?

The translators of the bible and the tradition of church DECIDED that Epaphroditus was not an apostle. Even though it was clearly written in the word of God !

Introduction: Beyond the Stained-Glass Soloist

For centuries, the concept of the Apostle has been frozen in time—submerged under the weight of tradition and “Sainthood.” We have been sold a version of the Apostle Paul that is rigid, solitary, and frankly, inaccurate. Rome’s legacy has painted him as a lone player on a stained-glass window: a singular hero standing in a vacuum.

But this “sole player” narrative is a myth that has cost us dearly. By isolating Paul, we have forgotten the ministry gift of Apostleship itself. We have failed to apply his life as an example for our own ministry. We have traded a living, breathing community for a cold monument.

True Apostleship isn’t a solo performance; it is a fungal community. Like a mycelial web beneath the forest floor, Paul’s strength wasn’t in his individual brilliance, but in his connectivity. He didn’t just “travel”; he networked, leaned, and co-labored. If we are to see the restoration of this “long-forgotten” gift, we must shatter the glass and look at the soil—the support system that allowed the Gospel to breathe. As it is written in Ecclesiastes 4:12, *“Though one may be*

overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

The Network vs. The Icon: Paul's Real Apostleship

The following table contrasts the "Stained-Glass Icon" created by Roman tradition with the historical, communal reality of Paul's ministry.

Feature	The "Roman" Stained-Glass Icon	The Scriptural "Fungi" Community
Visibility	A solitary figure in a robe, standing alone.	A sprawling network of men and women (The <i>Ekklesia</i>).
Authority	Top-down, ecclesiastical, and rigid.	Organic, relational, and interdependent.
Mission	A "Solo Flight" across the Mediterranean.	A collaborative effort involving over 70 named partners.
Vulnerability	Stoic and self-sufficient.	Needy; constantly asking for prayer and physical support.

Mapping the Mycelium: Paul's Journeys & Partners

Journey	Key Fellow Apostles / Co-Laborers	Their Role & Impact	The "Submerged" Reality
1st Journey	Barnabas & John Mark	Barnabas was the "Son of Encouragement" who actually vouched for Paul (Acts 9:27).	Without Barnabas, the "Icon" Paul would have been rejected by the Jerusalem church.
2nd Journey	Silas, Timothy, Lydia, Priscilla & Aquila	Silas shared the prison cell; Priscilla and Aquila provided the home base and theological depth (Acts 18:2-3).	Paul didn't "found" these churches alone; he was part of a mobile apostolic team.
3rd Journey	Luke, Apollos, Erastus, Titus	Luke provided the record; Apollos provided the eloquence; Titus handled the difficult crises.	Paul relied on others to finish what he started, proving apostleship is a baton, not a trophy.

The Hope: Our Fungal Future

The beauty of the "Fungi Community" is that it cannot be easily destroyed. You can break a statue, but you cannot kill a network that lives underground. Paul was never intended to be our "hero" to worship; he was our example of how to belong.

Just as the mycelium provides nutrients to the entire forest, the restored Apostolic gift provides the "support" for the local body to flourish. You are not called to be a cold, lonely figure in a window. You are called to the dirt—to the rich, interconnected life of a body that sustains one another.

Philippians 1:7 reminds us of this shared grace: *"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me."*

Paul is describing a relationship that has not failed him. He is fearless as he trusts his fellow workers- whom He knows and loves. He understands deeply they are sharing a kingdom and reap the benefits together. This holds whether he is in chains and suffering- or simply spreading the good news. This kind of truth and trust with one another can only be forged in the hot iron circumstances that sharing the gospel can bring.

Our fungi community of believers is that powerful and strong and it is meant to sustain us through any persecution or adverse circumstances we may face. For our Lord.