

Welcome

Thank You for Joining Us!

Series:

*The Year of "The New Thing
Anointing"*

1

The scenario

Cletus Cunningham starts talking to you and tells you to leave New Zion Christian Church immediately. You ask him what does he mean by that? He says that the bible clearly says that apostles don't exist anymore. He goes on further to state that anyone that calls themselves an apostle is a false apostle. He then shows you the scripture to prove his point. He lastly implores you to run quick and don't look back in order to save yourself! How do you answer Cletus Cunningham?

2

Welcome

*If You Don't Rightly Divide, You Will Wrongly Multiply #15
You Better Run! The False Apostles*

3

Matthew 26:73-75, ESV

"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false." (Revelation 2:2, ESV)

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds." (2 Corinthians 11:13-15, ESV)

4

Power point

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple." (Psalm 119:130, ESV)

5

Power point**The word only unfolds when you properly analyzes it**

1. Understands the content of scripture
2. Content - information given, spoken, written, read
3. Examines the context of scripture - Context- proper framing, setting, situation, surrounding (total embodiment), meaning and correct interpretation of the content (information),
4. Get powerful Bible app/software/books
5. Look up Hebrew/Greek word meanings
6. Compare other bible translations for consistency
7. Do a word search of the word by itself
8. don't isolate one single scripture (check for cross references)

6

LOGOS Bible Software Meaning of word, apostle

Lemma

ἀπόστολος, -ου, ὁ *apostolos* apostle

STGHD delegate

ESL

BDAG delegate, envoy, messenger; messenger, envoy

7

LOGOS Bible Software Meaning of word, apostle

Greek Strong's Number 652

Greek Word: ἀπόστολος
Transliteration: apostolos
Phonetic Pronunciation: ap-os'-tol-os
Roots from: *ἀπο* and *στέλλω*
Cross Reference: TDNT - 1:407,67
Part of Speech: n m
Vine's Words: Apostle, Apostleship, Messenger

Usage Notes:

English Words used in KJV:
apostle 78
messenger 2
he that is sent 1
[Total Count: 81]

From *ἀπο* (*apostello*), a *delegate*, specially an *ambassador of the Gospel*; officially a *commissioner of Christ* ["*apostle*"] (with miraculous powers) - apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

8

LOGOS Bible Software Meaning of word, apostle

The phrase "commissioner of Christ" most likely refers to the **Great Commission**, which is the final instruction of Jesus Christ to his followers to spread the Christian faith. If used to describe a person as a commissioner of Christ, it means an **ambassador or authorized messenger sent out to do Jesus' work on earth**.

Key Parts of Christ's Commission

- **The Source:** Jesus gives the order using his supreme authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18).
- **The Task:** Followers are told to go, make disciples of all nations, baptize believers, and teach obedience to his commands (Matthew 28:19-20).
- **The Role:** Believers act as official representatives or agents carrying out kingdom business globally and locally (2 Corinthians 5:20).

9

LOGOS: BDAG Meaning of word, apostle

① of messengers without extraordinary status *delegate*, *envoy*, *messenger* (opp. ὁ πρέμψας) J 13:16.

- Of Epaphroditus, messenger of the Philippians Phil 2:25. ←
- →2 Cor 8:23. ←

② of messengers with extraordinary status, esp. of God's *messenger*, *envoy* (cp. Epict. 3, 22, 23 of Cynic wise men: ἄγγελος ἀπὸ τ. Διὸς ἀπέσταλται).

10

Philippians 2:25

25 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. 26 Indeed he was ill, near to death. But

Surface	and	fellow soldier,	and	your	messenger	and	minister	to my	need,
MSS Trl	kai	systratiôtēs	de	hymōn	apostolōn	kai	leitourgon	mou	tēs
emma Trl	kai	systratiôtēs	de	sy	apostolōn	kai	leitourgos	egō	ho
Morph	CLN	NASM	CLC	RP2GP	NASM	CLN	NASM	RP1GS	DGSF
Strong's	G2532	G4961	G1181	G5218	G652	G2532	G3011	G3450	G3588
Sense link		fellow soldier			envoy		servant of god		me

11

LOGOS: BDAG Meaning of word, apostle

① of messengers without extraordinary status *delegate*, *envoy*, *messenger* (opp. ὁ πρέμψας) J 13:16.

- Of Epaphroditus, messenger of the Philippians Phil 2:25. ←
- →2 Cor 8:23. ←

② of messengers with extraordinary status, esp. of God's *messenger*, *envoy* (cp. Epict. 3, 22, 23 of Cynic wise men: ἄγγελος ἀπὸ τ. Διὸς ἀπέσταλται).

12

2 Corinthians 8:23 meaning of messenger

because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is /my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are **messengers** of the churches, the glory of Christ. ²⁴ So give proof before the churches of your love and of ^oour boasting about you to these men.

Surface	for our	brothers,	they are	messengers	of the churches, the	glory	of Christ
MSS Trl:	hēmōn	adelphoi		apostoloi	ekklesiōn	doxa	Christou
emma Trl:	egō	adelphos		apostolos	ekklesia	doxa	Christou
Morph: CAC	RP1GP	NNPM		NNPM	NGPF	NNSF	NGSM
Strong's 135	G2257	G80		G652	G1577	G1391	G5547
Sense		believer ↔ brother		apostle envoy	church	glory (state)	

13

2 Corinthians 8:23 meaning of messenger

because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is /my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are **messengers** of the churches, the glory of Christ. ²⁴ So give proof before the churches of your love and of ^oour boasting about you to these men.

Surface	for our	brothers,	they are	messengers	of the churches, the	glory	of Christ.
MSS Trl:	hēmōn	adelphoi		apostoloi	ekklesiōn	doxa	Christou
emma Trl:	egō	adelphos		apostolos	ekklesia	doxa	Christou
Morph: CAC	RP1GP	NNPM		NNPM	NGPF	NNSF	NGSM
Strong's 135	G2257	G80		G652	G1577	G1391	G5547
Sense		believer ↔ brother		apostle envoy	church	glory (state)	

14

2 Corinthians 8:23 meaning of messenger

2 Corinthians Chapter 8

because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is /my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers ^{οὗτοι} of the glory of Christ. ²⁴ So give proof before the churches of your love and of ^{οὗ}our boasting about you to these men.

Greek apostles

15

2 Corinthians 8:23 LSV (YLT 1862)

whether—about Titus—my partner and fellow-worker toward you, whether—our brothers, apostles of assemblies—glory of Christ; the showing therefore of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf, show to them, even in the face of the assemblies. (2 Corinthians 8:23–24, LSV)

16

Scriptures

"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false." (Revelation 2:2, ESV)

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds." (2 Corinthians 11:13–15, ESV)

17

2 Corinthians 11:1-15, ESV (The Context)**Paul and the False Apostles**

11 I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! ² For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since ¹ I betrothed you to one husband, ³ to present you ² as a pure virgin to Christ. ³ But I am afraid that ⁴ as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts ⁵ will be led astray from a ⁴ sincere and ⁵ pure devotion to Christ. ⁴ For if someone comes and ⁵ proclaims another ⁶ Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a ⁷ different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept ⁸ a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. ⁵ Indeed, I consider that ⁶ "I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles." ⁶ Even if I am unskilled in speaking, ⁷ I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way ⁸ we have made this plain to you in all things. ⁷ Or ⁸ did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because ⁹ I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? ⁸ I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. ⁹ And when I was with you and was ¹⁰ in need, ¹⁰ I did not burden anyone, for the brothers

18

2 Corinthians 11:1-15, ESV (The Context)

who came from Macedonia 'supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain /from burdening you in any way. ¹²As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine 'will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. ¹³And why? 'Because I do not love you? 'God knows I do! ¹⁴And what I am doing I will continue to do, 'in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. ¹⁵For such men are false apostles, "deceitful workmen," disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁶And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as 'an angel of light. ¹⁷So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as 'servants of righteousness. ¹⁸Their end will correspond to their deeds.

19

Bring It Home!

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." (Ephesians 4:11-14. ESV)

20

Power point

An approved Christian, properly analyzes the word

1. Understands the content of scripture
2. Content - information given, spoken, written, read
3. Examines the context of scripture - Context- proper framing, setting, situation, surrounding (total embodiment), meaning and correct interpretation of the content (information),
4. Get powerful Bible app/software/books
5. Look up Hebrew/Greek word meanings
6. Compare other bible translations for consistency
7. Do a word search of the word by itself
8. Don't isolate one single scripture (check for cross references)

21

The Question

Now I ask, how will you answer Cletus Cunningham? Hopefully, you will explain to Cletus that he needs to pray for God to give him an understanding of scripture so that he can rightly divide the word of God and not fall into error.

22

REFLECTION

Always remember to never isolate scripture and to use the analytical methodology presented in this study series to properly divide the word of truth.

23

WHOLE TITHE SUNDAY

August 16TH

**Church Wide
Tithe Sunday**

24
