

# Romans 15:14-19

***-Paul's Apostolic Ministry***

**-Philippians 1:6 (LSB) For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.**

**-Hebrews 10:4 (LSB) For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**

**-John 1:1-3 (LSB) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.**

**-John 13:16 (LSB) “Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent (apostle) greater than the one who sent him.**

**-Philippians 2:25 (LSB) But I regarded it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger (*apostle*) and minister to my need;**

**-2 Corinthians 8:23 (LSB) As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are messengers (apostles) of the churches, a glory to Christ.**



**-Hebrews 3:1-3 (LSB) 1 Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession--Jesus, 2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. 3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, in so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.**

**-John 4:34 (LSB) Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.**

**-John 5:30 (LSB) “I can do nothing from Myself. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.**

**-John 6:38 (LSB) “For I have come  
down from heaven, not to do My  
own will, but the will of Him who  
sent Me.**

**-John 17:1-5 (LSB) 1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 "I glorified You on the earth, having finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

**-Jesus had the testimony of:**

**-His works—the miracles which He performed  
and the message He preached**

**-His Father testified on His behalf at His baptism  
and at the end of His earthly ministry in John 12**

**-and the Scriptures prophetically testify of Him**

**-John 5:36-38 (LSB) 36 “But the witness I have is greater than the witness of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish--the very works that I do--bear witness about Me, that the Father has sent Me. 37 “And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness about Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. 38 “And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.**

**-John 5:46-47 (LSB) 46 “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. 47 “But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”**



**-Three criteria:**

**-Eyewitness of the risen Lord Jesus**

**-Acts 1:21-22 (LSB) 21 “Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us-- 22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us--one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”**

**-1 Corinthians 9:1 (LSB) Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?**

**-Galatians 1:1 (LSB) Paul, an apostle--not sent from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead--**

**-2 Corinthians 12:12 (LSB) The signs of a true apostle were worked out among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.**

**-John 5:31 (LSB) “If I alone bear witness about Myself, My witness is not true.**

**-Ephesians 2:19-20 (LSB) 19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,**

-Ephesians 3:1-6 (LSB) 1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles-- 2 if indeed you heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; 3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 About which, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it was now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit: 6 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,



**-1 Corinthians 4:9-13 (LSB) 9 For, I think that God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. 10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are prudent in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are glorious, but we are without honor! 11 To this present hour we hunger and thirst, and are poorly clothed, and roughly treated, and homeless; 12 and we labor, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; 13 when we are slandered, we try to plead; we have become as the scum of the world, the grime of all things, even until now.**

**-He had to be appointed by the Lord Himself**

**-Acts 1:23-26 (LSB) 23 And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen 25 to take the place of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.**

**-He had to be empowered to perform signs and wonders**

**-2 Corinthians 12:11-12 (LSB) 11 I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most-eminent apostles, even if I am nothing. 12 The signs of a true apostle were worked out among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.**

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