

Romans 15:15-19

Criteria to be an Apostle:

- An eyewitness of the resurrected Lord Jesus**
- Appointed to the office by the Lord Jesus**
- Enabled to perform sign miracles**

***-Are We Disadvantaged to the
Apostolic Ministries?***

-“WE have learned from none others the plan of our salvation, than from those through whom the Gospel has come down to us, which they did at one time proclaim in public, and, at a later period, by the will of God, handed down to us in the Scriptures, to be the ground and pillar of our faith.(2) For it is unlawful to assert that they preached before they possessed “perfect knowledge,” as some do even venture to say, boasting themselves as improvers of the apostles. For, after our Lord rose from the dead, [the apostles] were invested with power from on high when the Holy Spirit came down [upon them], were filled from all [His gifts], and had perfect knowledge: they departed to the ends of the earth, preaching the glad tidings of the good things [sent] from God to us, and proclaiming the peace of heaven to men, who indeed do all equally and individually possess the Gospel of God.” —
Irenaeus, Book 3 chapter 1 *Against Heresies*

-Acts 20:18-21 (LSB) 18 And when they had come to him, he said to them, “You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**-Acts 20:26-27 (LSB) 26 “Therefore,
I testify to you this day that I am
innocent of the blood of all. 27 “For
I did not shrink from declaring to
you the whole purpose of God.**

-2 Corinthians 5:11 (LSB) So then, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we have been made manifest to God; and I hope that we have been made manifest also in your consciences.

**-2 Timothy 4:6-7 (LSB) 6 For I am
already being poured out as a drink
offering, and the time of my
departure has come. 7 I have
fought the good fight, I have
finished the course, I have kept the
faith.**

-Hebrews 12:1-2 (LSB) 1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, laying aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

-John 21:18-22 (LSB) 18 “Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.” 19 Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me!” 20 Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” 21 So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about this man?”

-22 Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!”