

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- Which apostles?
- Apostle (apostolos, 78x in NT) = one sent forth (apo, “from,” stello, “to send”) (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical words, 1985, p.30)
- Jesus is God’s apostle – Hebrews 3:1

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- ◉ Which apostles?
- ◉ Those specifically chosen by Jesus
  - Twelve, sent on a limited commission to Israel – Luke 6:12-16; Matthew 10:1-7
  - Eleven of these, plus Matthias, sent as apostles to the whole world – Mark 16:14-16; Acts 1:15-26
  - They were eyewitnesses of the resurrection – of the raised Lord Jesus – Acts 1:21-22; 10:36-42; 1 Corinthians 9:1
  - Paul chosen by Jesus later; a witness of His resurrection – 1 Corinthians 9:1; 15:8-10
  - They were ambassadors chosen by the King to deliver, by the authority delegated to them by the King, His will to the world – 2 Corinthians 5:20; 2 Peter 3:1-2; Galatians 1:11-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:13
  - They were equipped with signs that confirmed their authority – 2 Corinthians 12:12

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- ⦿ Which apostles?
- ⦿ Other men also called apostles but not because they were chosen and sent by Jesus – e.g. Acts 14:14
- ⦿ This lesson concerns those apostles chosen by Jesus: 13 = 11 + Matthias + Paul

# Jesus promised the Comforter to the apostles

- ◎ Jesus promised to send the apostles another Helper or Comforter before He left – John 14:16
  - This promise specifically to the apostles
    - John 13:1-4, 21-30; Mark 14:17-21; John 14:16-18
  - Helper or Comforter (14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7)
    - From Greek “parakletos”: “1) summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid; 1a) one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate; 1b) one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor; 1b-i) of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins; 1c) in the widest sense, a helper, succourer, aider, assistant; 1c-i) of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father)...”  
(Theological Dictionary of the New Testament)

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  - He is the Spirit of truth (14:17; 15:26; 16:13)
  - He is the Holy Spirit (v.26)
    - Jesus also spoke of this promise in Matthew 10:18-20
  - The Holy Spirit would
    - Teach the apostles all things and bring to their remembrance all things Jesus said to them (14:26)
    - Bear witness of Christ through the apostles (15:26-27; Acts 1:8)
    - Guide the apostles into all truth, and tell them things to come (16:13)
    - Convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment – John 16:7-11

# The apostles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit

- ⦿ Christ was the administrator of the baptism of the Holy Spirit
- ⦿ The baptism of the Holy Spirit was a promise, not a command
  - Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:5-8; Luke 3:15-16
  - John 1:33
  - Acts 1:4
  - John was not specific in these verses about whom Jesus will baptize
- ⦿ Jesus was specific about who would receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:1-5