

The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Promises and Abilities Belonging Exclusively to the Apostles

Remember when we sang the little chorus, "Every promise in the book is mine, every book, every chapter, every line"? This was to encourage us to believe every promise.

Well, it's not true. The only promises we should claim are the ones made to us. We cannot claim every promise in the book. Some were given to specific persons.

This lesson is to impress upon you to not claim that every promise is a promise to you.

I want to show you the specific ability and promises made to the apostles of Jesus. Twenty different people were called apostles and you need to understand the apostles are not created equal.

There were apostles (one sent) of Christ and of the Church. Others were called "apostles" and others "missionaries".
Philippians 2:25

But we will be looking at the eleven, Matthias (Judas' successor), and Paul (who was born out of due time. He is "THE apostle to the Gentiles").
1 Corinthians 5:8, Acts 1:22

Here are Promises and Unique Gifts Which the Apostles of Jesus Possessed:

1. They Would be Given a Comforter of the Same Kind.

John 14:16-20, "16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you**. 18 I will not leave you **comfortless (orphans)**: I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."

2. They Would be Taught all Things.
John 14:26a, "But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **He shall teach you all things...**"

3. They Would Have all Things Brought to Their Remembrance that Jesus Said.
John 14:26b, "...and bring **all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you."

4. They Would be Given Special Peace; Unlike the World Gives.
John 14:27, "**Peace I leave with you**, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

5. They Would be Guided into all Truth. Progressive Truth Would be Given Free from Error.
John 16:13a, "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, **He will guide you into all truth**: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak..." **Acts 2:42**

6. They Would be Shown Things to Come.

John 16:13b-15, "13...and **He will shew you things to come**. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you."

7. They Would Have Special Signs as Apostles.

Mark 16:17-20, "17 And **these signs shall follow them** that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

8. They Could Read the Hearts of Men.

- * Ananias and Sapphira. - **Acts 5**
- * Simon - **Acts 8**
- * Elyamus - **Acts 13**

9. They Were Able to Give Special Gifts to Men and Women by the Spirit by the Laying on of Their Hands.

2 Corinthians 12. How did you get gifts?

Acts 8:14, "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:"

Acts 19:2-6, "2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that

they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." No gifts were given but in an apostle's presence. **Acts 10**

10. They Would Be the Foundation of the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:13-14, "13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." See **Ephesians 2:20**.

11. They Could Do What Christ Did, and More.

John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**"

12. They Would Sit on 12 Thrones Judging the 12 Tribes as They Sit in His Kingdom at His table.

Luke 22:30, "That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." See also **Matthew 19:28**.

13. They Could Loose and Bind What God had Loosened and Bound.

Matthew 18:18, "Verily I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**"

14. They Would Bear Witness After the Spirit Came.

John 15:27, "And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning."

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 2:32

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