

Paul Was Not One of the Twelve Apostles

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Paul was not one of the twelve Apostles. Paul had a unique, special Apostleship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul Was Not Chosen During Christ's Earthly Ministry.

The twelve Apostles were chosen in Matthew chapter ten.

"Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent forth ..." (Matthew 10:2-5).

Paul Was Not Chosen as Judas' Replacement.

God chose Matthias as the replacement for Judas.

*"And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, **show whether of these two thou hast chosen**, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; **and he was numbered with the eleven apostles**"* (Acts 1:24-26).

Paul Did Not Meet the Requirements to be One of the Twelve.

There were very specific and detailed requirements for being one of the twelve. Paul did not meet these requirements.

"Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22).

He would have had to have been in the *company* of the twelve *all* the time that the Lord was among them, from the *beginning* until the *same day* of Christ's ascension.

Paul Received and Preached a Different Gospel than that of the Twelve Apostles.

“... *The gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter*” (Galatians 2:7).

Paul Did Not Receive His Gospel Revelation from the Twelve Apostles.

“*But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ*” (Galatians 1:11-12).

Paul calls this gospel that he received by revelation of Jesus Christ, “*my gospel.*”

“*In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to **my gospel***” (Romans 2:16).

“*Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to **my gospel**, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith*” (Romans 16:25-26).

Paul had a Distinct Apostleship from the Twelve Apostles.

Peter and the Twelve were Apostles to the Circumcision – to the Jews, while Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles – to the Nations (Paul was God's *international* apostle).

“... *He that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles ...*” (Galatians 2:8).

“*For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office*” (Romans 11:13).

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