

Grateful For The Apostles

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42 (English Standard Version)

Do we realize that we stand on the _____ of the _____?

What Do We Mean By "Apostles"?

- A. Matthew 10:2-4 - These were the _____ men Jesus chose and then _____ out (the meaning of the word "apostle").
- B. Are there other apostles?
 - 1. Acts 1:21,22 - _____ gave the criteria for the one who would _____ Judas. No one _____ can meet these!
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 11:13 - Only _____ men were truly apostles. All others are _____ apostles.
- C. Ephesians 4:11,12 - Christ gave _____, _____, etc. to _____ the saints and to _____ up the _____.

Why We Should Be Grateful To The Apostles

- A. **They showed that common people can do great things:**
 - 1. Acts 4:13 - The apostles were _____, _____ men.
 - 2. Matthew 19:28 - Yet one day in the _____ they will sit on _____ to _____ the tribes of Israel.
 - 3. Like all Christians, they first had to be _____ of Jesus.
- B. **They followed Jesus with deep devotion:**
 - 1. Matthew 19:27 - They had left _____ to _____ Jesus.
 - 2. John 6:66-69 - Though others _____ Jesus, they stayed to follow the One with words of _____.
 - 3. Acts 12:1,2 - Did the _____ of _____ shake their faith?
 - 4. Matthew 27:3,4a - Even _____ realized his _____.
- C. **They provided the doctrine that saves souls:**
 - 1. John 14:25,26 - They would be _____ all _____.
 - 2. Acts 2:14-40 - Peter and the _____ proclaimed the _____ that comes through Jesus.
 - 3. Acts 2:42 - The first disciples were _____ to the apostles' _____.
 - 4. Ephesians 2:19,20 - The church is _____ on the _____ of the apostles and prophets.

Revelation 21:14 - The _____ of the apostles are on the _____ of the walls of New Jerusalem.

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