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# Scriptural Apostleship

by — Robert Juneau

Among those who would identify themselves as “Christian,” the all-too-common thought is that the religion of Christianity is the one true religion, the only religion that brings one into relationship with God. These Christians would argue that all other religions are lacking the means by which one may be restored, forgiven and positioned as a child of God. While this is true of all other religions, it might be a surprise to many that this is also true of the religion of Christianity.<sup>1</sup>

We need to understand that it is not religion that brings us into and fosters our relationship with God; it is God's grace, and God's grace<sup>2</sup> comes to us through faith<sup>3</sup> (Ephesians 2:8). We also need to understand

- [Editor:] For more reading about Christianity, see:
  - Christianity: A Religion of Works, David Sielaff, [Bible Student's Notebook #495](#);
  - The Fixed Ideas of Religious Notions, Vladimir Gelesnoff, [Bible Student's Notebook #535](#);
  - God's Works and Man's Creeds, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #304](#);
  - The Rites and Ceremonies of Idolatry, E.W. Bullinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #449](#).
- [Editor:] For more information on grace, see:
  - The Nature of Grace, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #274](#); or see *Daily Goodies*, January 18, same title (book, see order form);
  - Divine Justice and Grace, Steve McVey, [Bible Student's Notebook #290](#);
  - God will Judge in Grace, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #505](#);
  - Reigning in Life: The Present Effect of Super-Abundant Grace, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #75](#).
- [Editor:] Faith is a gift from God. For more information on faith, see:
  - [Faith: The Gift of God](#), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #163](#);
  - The Nature of Faith: Is it Really All or Nothing? Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #495](#);
  - Members of the Ecclesia – Experts Regarding Faith, James R. Coram, [Bible Student's Notebook #495](#);
  - *Daily Goodies* (book), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form):
    - The Audacity of Faith (May 29);

that, in order for us to qualify as believers, the object of our faith needs to be Jesus Christ Himself.

Unfortunately, the religion of Christianity has been presented to the world as just that, a religion. Over the centuries, most Christians have been taught to devote themselves and submit to the *religion* of Christianity instead of the *Person* of Christ, and this is still true today.

Have you ever heard people say, “I am of the ‘Methodist’ faith,” or, “I am of the ‘Catholic’ faith”? This says much about their misunderstanding of the word *faith*. The object of these peoples’ faith is not clearly founded in the Lord but seemingly in their religion.

The word *religion* is found only five times in the *King James Version* of the New Testament: once in Acts, twice in Galatians, and twice in James. Every one of these five occurrences is a reference to Biblical Judaism. The religion of Christianity is not mentioned once in the entire New Testament. This doesn't seem to matter to those immersed in the Christian religion. It is because of the almost two thousand years that men strived to obligate us to the religion of Christianity rather than to Christ Himself that this attitude still prevails.

Christ is given a place in this religion but not the place He deserves. All too often, the need to fulfill a religious obligation is given first place in a Chris- ▶

- The Great Adventure of Faith (January 20);
- A Personal Prayer of Faith (May 17).

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tian's life. The book of Colossians has something very different to say about this.

*He [Christ] is the Head<sup>4</sup> of the Body of the out-called: Who is the Sovereign, the firstborn of all who will rise from the dead; that in every respect He might have the first place. For it is in Him that the Divine fullness dwells without limit (Colossians 1:18-19).<sup>5</sup>*

Please read the narrative in Colossians 1:14-20 in which Paul is describing Christ Jesus. This passage says that in every respect He (Christ) has first place in the sight of the Father. He should have first place in our lives as well.

If a religious doctrine, ritual or practice is part of our lives but has no foundation in Scripture, we are obligated to question it, challenge it and, yes, even defy it. We should never have the attitude that, "if my church practices it, it must be biblical." Too many aspects of the religion of Christianity biblically have no place in our lives, yet millions of professing believers all over the world engage in them daily. It is enough of a struggle to walk worthy of the Lord as it is. We don't need religion interfering and sidetracking us.

*Be filled with the realization of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. To the end you might walk worthy of the Lord in relation to all pleasing Him, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in the realization<sup>6</sup> of God (Colossians 1:9-10).*

Many things in our lives disrupt our walks that have nothing to do with religion; but when we are told that our relationships with God can be found and maintained through the organizations, authorities and practices of religion, this leads to a much more serious digression.

4. [Editor:] For more information on Christ the Head, see:
  - The Body of Christ Has Only One Head, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #527](#).
5. Otis Q. Sellers' *Resultant Version* used throughout.
6. [Editor:] For more information on "Realization," see:
  - Realization: The Outcome of the Eons, E.H. Clayton, [Bible Student's Notebook #409](#);
  - Growing in the Realization of God, Robert McMahon: Part 1 ([Bible Student's Notebook #356](#)); Part 2 ([Bible Student's Notebook #357](#)). Book edition, see order form.

An inherent attribute of religion instills a sense of complacent attainment. Adhering to a religion engenders an attitude that we are doing right by God when we follow the rules, edicts and directions of that religion. We are made to feel that we are "good to go" in the sight of God. This is very harmful to the real relationship God desires to have with us.

It is a very sad thing indeed that men can steer off course so far that they can't see the truth and the simplicity of true faith in Christ. The deceptive ideas of men found in our religious institutions are surely some of the more insidious fiery darts in Satan's quiver:

*In addition to all these, having taken up the great shield of faith by which you will be able to extinguish all the fiery arrows of the wicked one (Ephesians 6:16).*

Other distractions in life may take our attention away from God, but they do not step in the place of God the way religion does. So the big question is, "How can we be sure we are making Christ Himself the object of our faith and nothing else, including religion?"

The simple answer is that we must submit (Greek, *metanoeo*) to God. While God has seen fit to always provide a means toward that end, it is clear that His methods have been different at different times throughout the history of mankind. This is the basis for the doctrinal ideas of dispensational<sup>7</sup> truth.

7. [Editor:] For a foundational study of "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth," see:
  - *God's Eonian Purpose*, Adlai Loudy (see order form);
  - *The Foundations of Dispensational Truth*, Dr. E.W. Bullinger (see order form);
  - the continuing series Right Division (An Overview of Dispensational Truth), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.,
    - Part 1, [Bible Student's Notebook #551](#);
    - Part 2, [Bible Student's Notebook #552](#);
    - Part 3, [Bible Student's Notebook #553](#);
    - Part 4, [Bible Student's Notebook #554](#);
    - Part 5, [Bible Student's Notebook #555](#);
    - Part 6, [Bible Student's Notebook #556](#);
    - Part 7, [Bible Student's Notebook #557](#);
    - Part 8, [Bible Student's Notebook #558](#);
    - Part 9, [Bible Student's Notebook #559](#);
    - Part 10, [Bible Student's Notebook #570](#).
  - The Address on the Envelope, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #326](#); also found in *God's Holy Nation: Israel and Her Earthly Purpose*, Appendix 3, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form);
  - Parallel, Not Identical, C.F. Baker, found in *God's Holy Nation*:

Men submitted to God in the majority of the Old Testament by submitting to the religion of Judaism. This was because God was in Judaism, and the means of keeping it was available to men on Earth. Men could show Godly faith by submitting to the authorized men (Hebrew, *qahal*) of Israel, the leaders whom God “apostled” to teach, lead and guide Israel.

Men submitted to God in the Gospel Period by submitting to Christ. This was because God was in Christ, and He was available to men on Earth. Men showed Godly faith by submitting to the authorized Man<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ “apostled” to live a perfect life and die on the cross<sup>9</sup> for our sins.

Men submitted to God in the Acts Period<sup>10</sup> by submit-

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*Israel and Her Earthly Purpose*, Appendix 5, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., (see order form).

8. [Editor:] For more information on the *Nature of Jesus Christ*, see:
- Jesus Christ the Son of God, A.P. Adams, [Bible Student's Notebook #324](#);
  - God's Unique Son: The Man Christ Jesus, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #255](#);
  - “There are Many Gods” – “There Is One God,” A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #324](#);
  - The Father and the Son, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #362](#);
  - The Father and the Son, John Essex, [Bible Student's Notebook #408](#);
  - The Doctrine of the Double Nature of Christ, Don Snedeker, Part 1: [Bible Student's Notebook #298](#), Part 2: [Bible Student's Notebook #299](#).
9. [Editor:] I.e., “An upright stake or pale, without any crosspiece.” – A.E. Knoch (*Concordant Keyword Concordance*, page 63). For more information, read:
- [The “Cross”: Was Christ Nailed to a “Cross” or a “Stake”?](#), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. [Bible Student's Notebook #320](#).
10. [Editor:] For more on the period covered by the Book of Acts, see:
- The Acts Transition and the Pentecostal Dispensation, Sir Robert Anderson, [Bible Student's Notebook #507](#);
  - The Acts of the Apostles And Paul's Epistles: Considered Historically and Dispensationally, J.J.B. Coles, [Bible Student's Notebook #613](#);

ting to God's Holy Spirit. This was because God's Spirit was available to men on Earth. Men showed Godly faith by submitting to the authorized men, the “Apostles,” the ones whom God “apostled” to be the leadership in Israel during the Kingdom<sup>11</sup> of God on Earth.

Men submit to God today by submitting to Scripture. This is because God is in Scripture and it is available to men on Earth. In this *Dispensation of Grace*, men can show Godly faith by submitting to the authorized Word of God, the “apostled” Word of God, the Bible.

Ever since Paul's proclamation in Acts 28:28 that ushered in the *Dispensation of Grace*, the Bible has been the “apostle” available to mankind, the means that God has provided for us to submit to Him. Since then, there has been no less apostleship (authorization) upon the written Word of God<sup>12</sup> (original ►

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- The Earlier and Later Chapters of the Book of Acts, Sir Robert Anderson, [Bible Student's Notebook #526](#);
  - Acts 28: The Dispensational Boundary, Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student's Notebook #550](#);
  - Before and After Acts 28, Oscar Baker, [Bible Student's Notebook #595](#);
  - The Acts Period and the Acts Period Epistles, Tom Ballinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #604](#);
  - *The Dispensation of the Grace of God, and Acts 28:28 – A Dispensational Boundary Line*, Otis Q. Sellers (see order form).
11. [Editor:] For more information on the “Kingdom of Heaven” see:
- The Kingdom of Heaven and its Relationship with the Kingdom of God, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook 290](#);
  - *God's Holy Nation: Israel and Her Earthly Purpose*, by Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., specifically chapter 3 (Israel's Earthly Destiny), chapter 13 (Israel's Prophetic Program), Appendix 20 (The Kingdom of Heaven and its Relationship to the Kingdom of God), Appendix 2: Basic Distinctions Between Prophecy and Mystery (see order form);
  - *God's Eonian Purpose*, by Adlai Loudy, specifically chapter 5 (The Kingdom of the Scriptures) and chapter 17 (The Millennial Kingdom – Israel's Hope) (see order form);
  - *The King and the Kingdom in History and Prophecy*, William B. Hallman (see order form).
12. [Editor:] For more information on the completion of the Word of



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## *The Church Which Is His Body, and The Bride the Lamb's Wife*

We have reprinted a grand work on the subject of “the Body” in contrast to “the Bride” by the late J.H. Kessler.

“In Scripture the church of this dispensation is symbolized as ‘the Body of Christ,’ never as ‘the Bride.’” — Sir Robert Anderson, *The Coming Prince*

*See order form.*

transcripts) than there was upon Christ or upon the Apostles of the New Testament. Just as much authority lies in the words of the Bible as did in the words of Jesus Christ when He was on Earth or in the words of the Apostles when they were on Earth. This is scriptural apostleship.

In the gospels, the Holy Spirit produced the generation (Greek, *genea*) of God in a Man through *Christ's* God-given power and authority. In the Acts Period, the Holy Spirit produced the generation of God in men through the *Apostles'* God-given power and authority. Today, the Holy Spirit produces the generation of God in men through *Scripture's* God-given power and authority.

In past dispensations, men spoke forth the perfect word of God because they had been commissioned or authorized (Greek, *apostello*) by God to do so. When these authorized ones spoke, their words produced the generation of God in the hearers (I Peter 1:23).

In this dispensation, the Scriptures speak forth the perfect word of God because they have been authorized by God to do so, and, when this authorized word speaks to us, it produces the generation<sup>13</sup> of God in the hearers. The Bible is the place to go if you want to be generated by God (Romans 10:17).

Israel<sup>14</sup> was capable of being generated by God by submitting to the law through the religion of Juda-

ism, because God's authorization was upon Judaism. God does not generate us today by involvement in a religion. This is because there is no religion today that has God's apostleship or authorization upon it.

In this present dispensation, God's apostleship is upon the word of God rightly divided (II Timothy 2:15); therefore, we must go to this "apostle" if we want to submit to and hear from God. A life of diligent study and responding to what we learn is how in every respect He might have the first place in our lives (Colossians 1:18). Gaining the knowledge found in Scripture is how we can "*be filled with the realization of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding*" (Colossian 1:9).

The diligent study of and submission to God's Word, not an obligation to a religion, are the means to achieving the wonderful attributes of God described in Ephesians and Colossians. These two books, more than any other books of the Bible, describe and define the growth, maturity<sup>15</sup> and wisdom of God that can be our possession today. These attributes are ours, but in order to take on these attributes, we need God to generate them in our lives.

Today, we get this generation, this miracle, from only one source. How many professing Christians would skip going to church this Sunday if they had a chance to sit down and hear straight from one of the Apostles of the New Testament? If only we could come to understand that we have something equally valuable available to us today. We need to be ever-heedful in allowing Christ to have first place in our lives by engaging with God's apostle, the Bible.

— *More Seed & Bread*, Issue #311

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#### TOPICS:

**Major:** Apostle; Christianity; Religion; Right Division  
**Minor:** Bible Study; Tradition

**15. [Editor:]** For more information on "spiritual maturity," see:

- The Uniqueness of Your Journey; The Stages of Spiritual Life; The Long Process of Spiritual Growth; Beholding and Becoming, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #273](#);
- Christ's Lordship and our Maturity in Christ, William W. Bentley, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #291](#);
- The Irony of Spiritual Maturity, Stephen Hill, [Bible Student's Notebook #449](#).

God, see:

- God Assembles His Book, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #207](#);
- *Daily Goodies* (book, August 2-8), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form);
- *The Plowboy's Bible*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form);
- *How We Got Our Bible*, Adlai Loudy (see order form). This was also a two-part series in *Bible Student's Notebooks #664, #665*.

**13. [Editor:]** Instead of a new birth, Paul taught about a new creation – a creation where Jews and Gentiles were being formed into "one body" (Ephesians 2:16; 4:4; Colossians 3:15) – the "Body of Christ" (Ephesians 1:22-23) – the "one new man" (Ephesians 2:15). For further study about this topic see:

- Born Again, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #181](#);
- Is the "New Birth" for Us? A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #230](#);
- Do You Really Want to be "Born Again"? Richard Jordan, [Bible Student's Notebook #561](#).

**14. [Editor:]** For an in-depth look at Israel and her place in God's plan, read:

- *God's Holy Nation: Israel and Her Earthly Purpose* (Contrasted with the Body of Christ and Its Heavenly Purpose), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form).

# What Does *Apostello* Mean?

by — Otis Q. Sellers (1901-1992)

Even those who know nothing of New Testament Greek will have the feeling that the word *apostello* is somewhat familiar. They are correct, for this is the verb from which comes the adjective *apostolos* which is so often used as a substantive in the New Testament and is usually translated “*apostle*.”



*I must preach the Kingdom of God to other cities also for therefore am I sent [apostello] (Luke 4:43).*

*There was a man sent [apostello] from God (John 1:6).*

*He shall send [apostello] Jesus Christ (Acts 3:20).*

*The word which God sent [apostello] unto the children of Israel (Acts 10:36).*

*Men and brethren, sons of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the Word of this salvation sent [apostello] (Acts 13:26).*

*How shall they preach except they be sent [apostello] (Romans 10:15).*

*For Christ sent [apostello] me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel (I Corinthians 1:17).*

*The Father sent [apostello] the Son to be the Savior of the World (I John 4:14).*

In seeking the true understanding of the 33 unique and important years of which the Book of Acts is the history, no word is more important than the Greek verb *apostello*. This history is “The Acts of the Apostles,” and if this word is misunderstood, everything in the Acts period will be thrown out of line.

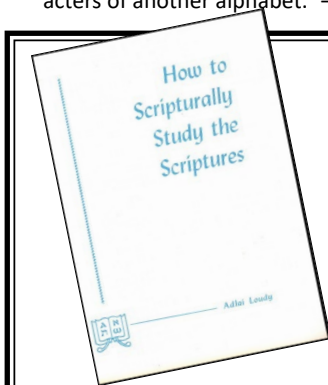
It is not enough for the student to have some simple definition of this word. He must master it, get inside of it, know all that there is to know concerning it. This word has been sorely neglected; its true meaning has been clouded; it has been stultified by weak translations and renderings which are mere transliterations.<sup>1</sup> Much truth has been lost because of this.

Consideration of a few occurrences will show the importance of this word.

*I am not sent [apostello] but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24).*

A review of these passages will show that great and important truths are expressed by this word, and this should exercise our minds to understand this verb as fully as it can be understood. The word *apostello* is ►

1. [Editor:] “To represent (letters or words) in corresponding characters of another alphabet.” – *American Heritage Dictionary*



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## *How to Scripturally Study the Scriptures*

by — Adlai Loudy (1893-1984)

This book deals chiefly with the correct partitioning of the Word of Truth. The seven chapters are titled as follows: God Has Spoken; A Divine Admonition of Endeavor; How to Scripturally Study the Scriptures; Have a Pattern of Sound Words; Distinguish the Things that Differ; Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth, and the Conclusion.

*“The book should prove extremely valuable in introducing the knowledge of Paul’s special ministry to those who are strangers to it.” – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)*

found 133 times in the New Testament.<sup>2</sup> In the *King James Version* it is translated “send” 114 times, “send forth” 15, “send away” 4, “send out” 2, “put in” 1, and “set” 1 time. Thus it can be seen that the word “send” is used as a translation in all but two occurrences.

To some this might seem to settle its meaning, but it does not. The word “send” as a translation of *apostello* is weak, misleading and inadequate. It dims the glory of this important word. It holds down much of the truth that the Spirit of God is revealing.

The Greek word that means “to send” is *pempo*. This is found 81 times in the New Testament and is translated “send” in all but two of these. This is the word that can be used of causing to go in any manner. A man’s wife now and then will send him to the store or post office. The ancient Greek would use the word *pempo*, but never the word *apostello* to describe an act such as this.

A study of the 81 occurrences of *pempo* will bring the realization that this term has to do with what might be described as a physical sending, a causing to go. Any ideas expressed in the passages that are beyond this would have to come from the context, as nothing more than a physical sending is inherent in this word. The inadequacy of the *King James Version*<sup>3</sup> translators’ treatment of the words *apostello* and *apostolos* is seen in the fact that the word “apostle” shows no relationship to the word “sent.” What reader of the English Bible would know that these words are father and son?

For example, in English we have the word “do” and from this word we get “doer” and “doing;” from “play” we get “player” and “playing;” from “give” we get “giver” and “giving.” Thus the relationship between these words is obvious, but there is no obvious connection between the words “send” and “apostle.”

2. See *Englishman’s Greek Concordance*, page 76, for a complete list.

3. [Editor:] For more information on KJV translation errors, see:  
 – *The KJV: 400 Years of Bondage*, by Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form). Also available in three parts in *Bible Student’s Notebooks #276, #279, #281*;  
 – *The Plowboy’s Bible: God’s Word for Common Man*, by Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form) ;  
 – Translation Corrections, A.P. Adams, [Bible Student’s Notebook #415](#);  
 – Contradicting Contradictions, Stephen Hill, [Bible Student’s Notebook #381](#)

*Apostello* is the parent and *apostolos* is the offspring, and the relationship between these two words should not be obscured. Any rendering that obscures this is misleading and inadequate.

*Apostello* and *apostolos* mean far more than “sent” and “a sent one.” Many lexicons follow the example of the *King James Version* and define *apostello* as meaning “to send forth,” “to send away from, while the sender remains behind,” but some lexicographers have dared to abandon this superficial definition, realizing that those who are the recipients of this action are not always sent from one place to another.

While the lexicons have been consulted, especially Kittel’s, no attempt will be made to establish the meaning of this word through them. The meaning of any word in any language is determined by the use of it. It is possible to discover the meaning of any word if it can be seen in a dozen clear sentences. We find the word *apostello* in 133 sentences and the substantive that is derived from it (*apostolos*) in 81. If the meaning cannot be determined from these occurrences, then there is no way of determining the meaning of any word in any language. Even a dictionary cannot define a word. It can merely report the usage of a word by careful and capable writers.

In defining *apostello* it will be our purpose to do it from the usage made of it by the inspired writers of the New Testament. When all occurrences are examined the following facts stand out.

*Apostello* means to commission, in the sense of authorizing and instructing someone to perform a definite task. The ideas of *authority* and *authorizing* are always basic in it. A commission can be very simple involving a small task, or it can be very complex involving great service and responsibilities.

It has been said that the office of Notary Public is the least a man can have under our government. Nevertheless, a Notary Public has been commissioned; has a commission; and is a commissioned one. Notary Publics are authorized to take acknowledgments of legal papers, which is done under the seal of their office, usually adding a note that their commission expires on a certain date in order to show that it is an active one.

The Greeks would use the word *apostello* to describe

the action of the governor that authorized such, and the word *apostolos* to describe the result – a commissioned one.

The word *apostello* never has to do with the appointment of anyone to an office. It has to do with a service that is to be performed by one authorized. Thus its real meaning is *to commission with authority*. However, this definition applies only when it is used in connection with men or angels. When it is used in connection with animals or inanimate things it takes on a more limited meaning. When so used it means to authorize, that is, to make freely available.

Both meanings of this word are seen in the following passage, where the first reference is to men and the second is to animals.

*And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent [apostello] Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, "Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them and bring them unto Me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, 'The Lord hath need of them;' and straightway he will send [apostello] them" (Matthew 21:1-3).*

Thus two of His disciples are commissioned for what seemed to be a very small task, and for a short time they were commissioned ones (apostles). If anyone questioned their right to take these animals they are

to say, "*The Lord has need of them*" and the owner would authorize the use of these; that is, he would make them freely available.

Thus we see that to grant or allow by proper authority is the meaning of *apostello* when it is used of animals or inanimate things. This usage is found nine times in the New Testament, and in these passages *apostello* should read as follows:

... *straightway he will authorize them* (Matthew 21:3).

... *immediately he authorizes the sickle* (Mark 4:29).

... *straightway he will authorize it* (Mark 11:3).

... *which is by interpretation, authorized* (Johns 9:7).

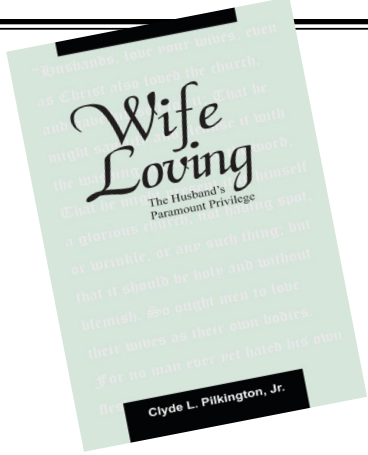
... *the word He authorizes to the sons of Israel* (Acts 10:36).

... *authorizing it to the elders* (Acts 11:30).

... *the word of this salvation authorized* (Acts 13:26).

... *is authorized to the nations* (Acts 28:28).

... *He authorized and signified it* (Revelation 1:1).



## ***Wife Loving: The Husband's Paramount Privilege***

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

This book is about Christ-mentored husbandry; a look at husbands' important and honored role of loving their wives. So lofty and divine is its pursuit, Paul presents none other than Christ Himself as the mentor: "*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church.*"

"What wonderful thoughts. They are so true and practical. I love it!" – *The Netherlands*  
"I have seldom read so much wisdom on marriage in relation to biblical principles." – *Denmark*  
"Powerful, powerful stuff! As a woman I am honored by it. I am deeply grateful for your boldness to honor women and to portray the marriage relationship as simply yet profoundly as God intended." – *CA*

185 pp., PB  
*See order form.*

A third meaning of *apostello*, which is a derived meaning, is to dismiss, to send away, to banish, but this is always an authoritative dismissal or banishment. This is found in five places: Mark 5:10; Mark 12:3-6; John 18:24.

We can now summarize our findings. Commission, authorization and direction are the ideas inherent in the word *apostello* when applied to men or to angels. The idea of authorization in the sense of making freely available becomes paramount when it is used of animals or inanimate things. The word *apostolos* should never be hardened into an office to which men are appointed. The word denotes a commission and authorization that is limited in time and is concerned only with the business at hand, not with the status of a person discharging it. A personal commission is the sole ground of being a commissioned one (an apostle).

None of those who was commissioned by Jesus Christ ever felt he had attained to an office of indelible or life-time character. In the house of Cornelius, Peter declared that the Word which proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ had been authorized to the sons of Israel (Acts 10:36).

In Acts 13:26 Paul emphatically declares that it was

to the sons of Abraham and the God-fearing men among them that “*the Word of this salvation*” had been made freely available. Paul was authorized to speak to the Gentiles, but only after it was proclaimed to Israel first (see Romans 1:16).

In Acts 28:28 Paul announces that “*the salvation-bringing message of God had been made freely available* [authorized] *to the nations*,” with the further guarantee that it will get through to them. These words indicate one great and important feature in the dispensational change that took place at Acts 28:28.<sup>4</sup>

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