

## The Church: Apostolic

Who are the apostles? Mark 3:13-19 [Luke 6:12-16]

Why 12? Acts 1:24-26; Galatians 1:1, 2:7-8, Acts 26:14-18; 1 Cor. 15:1-11

What is their role?

Witness – Lk. 24:46-49/ Acts 1:8. 1:21-22/Acts 10:39-43; 1 John 1:1

Teaching to make disciples Matt. 28:18-20 [John 15:15-16]

Messengers with authority John 20:21-23 [John 17:17-19; John 16:12-15, 14:25-26]

Who is forgiven, who is not? John 20:30-31, Romans 1:16; John 3:16-20

What can we say of the apostles' role? [1 Cor. 15:8]

Foundational

Received as having authority from the beginning Acts 2:37-40; 1 Thess. 2:13 [1 Cor. 15:1-2, Heb. 2:3, 1 Peter 1:23-25]

How is that role exercised today? 2 Tim. 2:2, Romans 10:17; Jude 3-4

'Successors' to the apostles

'Successors' – RC position

Remaining on the foundation 1 Thess. 5:20-22, 2 John 7-11