

# On Whose Authority?

*Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians)*

*Ephesians 1:1a*

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*“Paul, apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God...” (Ephesians 1:1a [DJP])*

## Introduction:

### I. The Answer As Framed in the \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. Origination

1. Genesis 1:1, 3
2. Genesis 15:1

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ation

1. Exodus 4:10-16
2. Exodus 7:1

#### C. Inscripturation (compare Ps. 95:7b-11 with Hebrews 3:7-11)

### II. The Answer As Framed in the Gospels and Acts

#### A. One Office Reaffirmed

1. Matthew 1:22
2. Matthew 5:17
3. Luke 1:76
4. Ephesians 2:20

#### B. A New Office ...

##### 1. Inv\_\_\_\_\_ed (Matthew 10; Mark 3; Luke 6)

- a. Preceded by a night of prayer (Luke 6:12)
- b. Involved two actions (Luke 6:13):
  - i. First: Separation
  - ii. Second: Designation

##### 2. Inv\_\_\_\_\_ed

- a. **Authority** to do kingdom-signs: Matthew 10:1
- b. **Ability** to speak for Jesus
  - i. Context of John 13—17

ii. John 14:25-26

iii. John 15:26-27

iv. John 16:13-15

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **ed**

a. Qualifications:

i. Instruction by Jesus (Acts 1:21)

ii. Witness of the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:22)

iii. Called by Jesus Himself (Acts 1:24-26)

b. Demonstrations

i. Acts 2:43

ii. Acts 4:33

**III. The Answer As Framed in the Epistles**

**A. Qualifications Affirmed**

1. Called by God/Christ Himself (Rom. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:1; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1)

2. Taught by Jesus (Galatians 1:11–12)

3. Witness of the resurrection

a. Acts 9

b. 1 Corinthians 9:1; 15:4-9

4. Kingdom-signs (2 Corinthians 12:12)

**B. Communications Asserted**

1. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

2. 1 Corinthians 14:37

3. Cf. 2 Peter 3:15-16

**C. Role Revealed (Ephesians 2:20)**