

# **THE PROMISED MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE APOSTLES**

**John 14:17, 14:26, 15:26-27, 16:13**

## **The Holy Spirit's Ministry Described**

John 14:17

- The Spirit of Truth abides with you, and will be in you.

John 14:26

- The Holy Spirit will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 15:26-27

- The Spirit of Truth will bear witness of Me (Christ).
- You will bear witness also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:13

- The Spirit of Truth will guide you into **all** truth.
- He will disclose to you what is to come.
  - The Lord is pre-authenticating the apostles as the writers and gatekeepers of New Testament truth. (Heb. 1:1-2)

## **Who Are the Writers of the New Testament?**

Answer: They were apostles and close associates of the apostles.

Matthew, John, and Peter: were all of the original twelve.

Paul:

- Called to be an apostle to the Gentiles – Acts 9:15-20
- Paul is an apostle in equal standing with the twelve – 2Cor. 11:5, 12:11-12
- Paul was recognized as an apostle by the “Pillars” of the church – Gal. 2:7-9
  - “Entrusted with the Gospel” – 2:7

Mark (aka John or John Mark):

- The son of Mary - Acts 12:12
- Peter referred to Mark as “My son Mark” – 1Pet. 5:13
- Mark was a cousin of Barnabas – Col. 4:10
- Barnabas and Saul (Paul) brought Mark with them when they returned to Antioch from Jerusalem - Acts 12:25-13:1.
- Mark joined Paul and Barnabas on the “first missionary journey.”- Acts 13:5
- Mark soon left and went home – Acts 13:13
- Paul refused to take Mark on the second journey – Acts 15:36-41
- Eventually Paul regarded Mark as a “fellow worker” (Philemon 23-24) and one who was “useful to me for service.” (2Tim. 4:11)

Luke – The “beloved physician” – Col. 4:14

- Luke was part of Paul’s team being first alluded to in Acts 16:11
  - Compare with Acts 16:6-10
- Luke, a Gentile, was a highly valued member of the team who stood with Paul to the very end. “Only Luke is with me” – 2Tim. 4:11

James:

- Not the brother of John the son of Zebedee or James the son of Alphaeus, named in the list of apostles. – Mat. 10:2-3
- This James is the son of Joseph and Mary – Mat. 13:55
- James is referred to by Paul as “the Lord’s brother.” – Gal. 1:19
- James was a highly regarded leader in the Jerusalem Church. – Acts 15:13-23
- James was also a man of humility – James 1:1

Jude:

- He was the youngest brother of Jesus listed in Mat. 13:55.
- Jude was also a man of humility. – Jude 1

The Writer of Hebrews:

- Clement of Alexandria (ca. 220) thought Hebrews was originally written by Paul in Hebrew or Aramaic to the Jews, then translated by Luke into Greek.
- Origen (ca. 254) wrote: “if I were to give my judgment I should say that while the thoughts belong to the apostle (Paul), the diction and composition of words belong to someone writing after him, as a scribe writing out notes of what has been said by the teacher. ... For not without good reason have the ancients handed it down as Paul’s. But as to who wrote the epistle, God (only) knows the truth.”
- Martin Luther suggested that Apollos was the writer, being he was a man of eloquent speech. – Acts 18:24-19:1
  - A number of modern scholars share this view.
  - Apollos was a recognized leader/teacher – 1Cor. 3:4-9 (1:10-12)
- Tertullian (ca. 200) thought Barnabas was the writer.
- F.F. Bruce: “In spite of traditional ascriptions and brilliant guesses, its authorship is unknown.

## Confirmations of the New Testament

Jesus Confirms the Apostles - John 16:13 (Upper Room Discourse)

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

Peter confirms Paul - 2Peter 3:15-16

15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Paul confirms himself - 1Corinthians 14:37

If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things, which I write to you, are the Lord's commandment.

Paul recognizes Luke 10:7 as scripture in 1Tim. 5:18

For scripture says "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," (Dt. 25:4) and "The laborer is worthy of his wages" (Luke 10:7)

The apostles speak "the commandment of the Lord" – 2 Peter 3:2

"... that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles of the

Compare 1 Timothy 4:13 with Col. 4:16 and 1Thes. 5:27

"Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and teaching." (1Tim. 4:13)

And when this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter from Laodicea. (Col. 4:16)

I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the brethren. (1Thes. 5:27)

"... having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone." – Eph. 2:20