

**Title:** The Man who Changed the World II - The Apostolic Church  
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## Turned the world upside down

Acts 17:6–7 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, **“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”** <sup>7</sup> Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.”

### The Mandate of the Apostolic Church: In Jesus last words...

Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”** <sup>19</sup> **Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> **teaching them to observe all things** that I have commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

- I am with you....If you make this commission your priority!

## "All authority has been given to Me"

### The Christ centred church

"All authority has been given to Me, and I have released keys of authority to my Body. Keys of authority to unlock rivers of life." \*Diagram -the five fold ministry model - Christ centred church.

**Difference between power and authority. Authority?** Given the special authority by Christ to release a wave of grace.

- **The Apostolic** - church planting by the power of God. More than just planting churches, it is about the type of churches that we plant.
- The Apostolic is about **establishing the kingdom of God on earth**. Turning the world upside down!
- **The Apostle extends the kingdom of God**. Inside of us. They have **authority to pioneer**.
- **Apostle** - sent one. Commissioned one. Special messenger. Special authority to release grace.

Acts 4:29–31 (NKJV) <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that **with all boldness** they may speak Your word, <sup>30</sup> by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and **they spoke the word of God with boldness**.

Ephesians 4:7 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

- **Christ's gift: giving Himself to us.** We are to grow in this and extend it to others.

Ephesians 4:11–13 (NKJV) <sup>11</sup> And **He Himself gave some** to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of **the fullness of Christ**;

- **The church is God's answer to the world.** Team ministry.
- **Work of the ministry** - Jesus changes the world through each of us.

## "Go therefore and make disciples"

Apostolic is about increasing faith

1 Corinthians 2:4–5 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**\*\*Shofar sends more teams on missions** than any other church group in South Africa. 60 teams to 44 nations, the past 9 months. **\*The apostolic spirit is caught when we go.**

**\*\*Apostolic call is to go, to plant churches and to plant churches in the power of God.**

Acts 19:11–15 (ESV) <sup>11</sup> And God was **doing extraordinary miracles** by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. <sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup> But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?”

- Paul had true authority. **He was known in the heavenlies.**

**Teaching them to observe all things** - partner with God

Luke 14:27 (NKJV) <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. / Luke 14:33 (NKJV) <sup>33</sup> So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

A sacrificial church - True disciple? Sacrificial believers. **"Cannot!" It will cost us to be true disciples of Christ.** All! **It must cost us. It is the test of being a true disciple.**

**An apostolic church is a church where the people give sacrificially** because we are passionate about seeing lives changed and the kingdom come. Finances.

**Giving faithfully:** Even if you do nothing else, you are helping to see the kingdom come.

**I am with you always**