

YOU'D BETTER BE "APOSTOLIC"!

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I love the apostolic doctrine and way of life, but I'm often intrigued at the ignorance and arrogance of church goers who think there's another way.

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The words "doctor" and "doctrine" come from the same Latin term "docere" which means "to teach". Doctor means "teacher" and the Latin "doctrina" means "learning or teaching".

Jesus prayed that all men everywhere would hear His word through **THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE** (teachings).

John 17:20 (KJV)

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word."

In John 8:24, Jesus told a group of onlookers if they didn't believe in Him, they would die in their sins. He believed that the apostles had the only salvific message. In other words, you can't bypass the apostles' teachings (doctrine) and get to heaven. Ergo, if your beliefs and behaviors are not in accordance with the APOSTLES' doctrine, you are OUT of the will of God.

The term "apostolic" simply means following, teaching, preaching, and believing that which pertains to the original apostles of Jesus Christ.

Of course, there are "apostolic" denominations and churches out there, but I'm not talking about those (not necessarily). True apostolic churches believe in Holiness unto God. Holiness in the church looks like an intentional radical attempt to be like Jesus rather than the world and worldliness.

The current Zeitgeist is a classic universalist lie from the pit of the devil's hell which says eventually everybody is going to heaven. But everybody AIN'T going to heaven! You need an apostolic church with an apostolic pastor if you want to go to the heaven that Jesus' apostles preached and taught about.

A true “apostolic” church will make you feel welcome, not necessarily comfortable, and yes, there is a difference.

A true “apostolic” sermon won’t just make you jump up and shout, it will also make you kneel down and pray.

A true “apostolic” church won’t just collect your tithes, they’ll also collect your confessions.

A true “apostolic” pastor won’t just tell you what you *can’t do*, he will also tell you what you *can do* (in Christ).

A true “apostolic” saint won’t just come to church, he will also come to fellowship.

A true “apostolic” preacher won’t just preach random Bible subjects, but she will always preach Jesus.

You have been deceived if you think ...

1. You don’t need to be “apostolic.”
2. You don’t need to repent (and turn away from sin).
3. You can say a sinner’s prayer and instantly be saved.
4. You can join any church that makes you feel comfortable.
5. You can navigate Christianity without the guidance of a pastor.
6. You don’t need to worry because “God understands” (He gets us).
7. You can forsake worship, Bible class or fellowship and it’s “all good” in the sight of God.

*“...I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia,
that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine”*

If you're Baptist, you better be an “apostolic” Baptist

If you're Methodist, you'd better be an “apostolic” Methodist

If you're Full Gospel you'd better be an “apostolic” Full Gospel

If you're Lutheran, you'd better be an “apostolic” Lutheran

If you're Pentecostal, you'd better be an “apostolic” Pentecostal.

Galatians 1:8-9 (KJV)

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel
unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel
unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*

Acts 2:38 (KJV)

*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,
and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Be biblical, be holy, be accurate, be apostolic.