



Monthly News Letter

Is a Publication of *Hope an Apostolic Arrow*

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Apostolic by definition is not something new its simply God aligning His church in The Word. It is a grace which is given to the Church to move from simple and naive to greater dimensions of understanding God's heart towards those in the Body Of Christ. I am sure we all understand the context 1 Corinthians 13 - which expresses that without love we are nothing although having all things, therefore if one does not have a love for God and His word we cannot embrace apostolic truth which references the original eyewitness accounts of the apostles consisting of first hand accounts to the life of Jesus, teachings, death, and resurrection.

The eyewitness accounts of the twelve and the revelation received by Paul eventually became canonized in our New Testament. Paul wrote 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament. Luke, a close associate of Paul, wrote the gospel of Luke and Acts. Matthew and

John, both members of the Twelve, wrote the gospels that bear their names. Mark, a close associate of Peter, wrote the gospel of Mark. Peter himself wrote 1 & 2 Peter. John, in addition to the gospel he composed 1,2,3 John and the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Jude was written by the brother of James, probably another half brother of Jesus. The author of the book of Hebrews is unknown but many believe it was Paul. The entire New Testament was, therefore, written by one of the twelve, or Paul or one of their immediate associates. This entire New Testament contains the original apostolic testimony and teaching. As such it is the standard by which all succeeding teachings and revelations must be measured.



Hans Kung

Theologian and Reformer

Hans Kung {Roman Catholic theologian and reformer said this:

The preaching of the apostles, as it has come down to us in the writings of the New Testament, is the original, fundamental testimony of Jesus Christ, valid for all time; being unique, it cannot be replaced or made void by any later testimony. Later generations of the Church are dependent on the words, witness, and ministry of the first 'apostolic' generation. The apostles are and remain the original witnesses, their testimony is the original testimony and original mission.

When Acts 2:42 says that the early **Church continued steadfastly in the apostles Doctrine**, it is referring to the oral teaching of the Twelve which was later canonized as part of the New Testament. Like the early church, the church today must continue steadfastly in the Apostles Doctrine or Teaching. How? By hearing and adhering to the original apostolic message that has been preserved for us in the New Testament.

Grace and peace to you