

4. Apostles were chosen, qualified, & confirmed by the “**Signs of an Apostle!**”

Acts 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Acts 5:12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch.

Acts 15:12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, **declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.**

Acts 19:11 And God wrought **special miracles by the hands of Paul:** **Acts 19:12** So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Romans 15:17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

Romans 15:18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, **Romans 15:19** **Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God;** so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

2 Corinthians 12:11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for **in nothing** am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing. **2 Corinthians 12:12** **Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.**

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; **Hebrews 2:4** God also bearing **them** witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

The Signs of an Apostle:

- **God confirmed the Apostles as His official representatives**
- **God confirmed those He had called &/ chosen**
- **God confirmed them by miracles, wonders, and signs.**
- **God confirmed them in unusual ways!**

Acts 19:10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. **Acts 19:11** And God wrought **special miracles** (Δυνάμεις τε οὐ τὰς τοχούσας) by the hands of Paul: **Acts 19:12** **So that** from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 5:12 And by the hands of the apostles were **many signs and wonders wrought among the people;** (and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. **Acts 5:13** And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. **Acts 5:14** And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) **Acts 5:15** **Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.** **Acts 5:16** There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: **and they were healed every one.**

- **God confirmed them with “the Signs of an Apostle!”**

So, an apostle and not a non-apostle

And a true apostle and not a false apostle

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- **God confirmed the message of the Apostles**
- **God didn’t confirm the next generation**

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➤ **The Church preaches a confirmed message!**