

In His Shadow Creations

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Converging of the Apostolic–Prophetic for the Release of Power in our culture.

Definitions

Converge is a word denoting the coming together of at least two things. It may also refer to:

* Convergence in mathematics, describes the approach towards a definite value

* Converge, physics, a term relating to the coming together of light rays at a focal point. Usually in Convex lens and concave mirrors.

Apostle - apostol "messenger," especially the 12 witnesses sent forth by Jesus to preach his Gospel, from L. apostolus, Gk. apostolos "messenger, person sent forth," apostellein "send away, send forth," from apo- "from" + stellein "to send". "chief advocate of a new principle or system" Also: The lead (Commanding) ship in a Roman fleet.

Prophet - from Gk. prophets "an interpreter, spokesman," especially of the gods, from pro- "before" + root of phanai "to speak," The Bible says the church is built on the foundation of the Apostles and the Prophets with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone. (Peter [Ephesians 2:20])

Wikipedia:

The Apostolic-Prophetic Movement in Charismatic Christianity is seen by its participants as a restoration of the neglected elements of the Five-Fold Ministry described in the New Testament book of Ephesians, "some apostles, and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ". This movement is rooted in the Third Wave Charismatic or Pentecostal experience.

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Apostles are frequently moving because they are ones sent out to establish something. What they establish is new to the setting they are establishing it in. (Not new to scripture but new to the location it's brought to.) Both Apostles and Prophets do this and bring us out of what we are used to causing growth. Apostles lead by example, teaching, training and raising up others to do the work, establishing it locally so the apostle may then move on to the next work.

Prophets release the word to cause what God wants to accomplish to happen. (Isaiah 43:19 - See I am doing a new thing) The sovereign Lord will do nothing without revealing it first to his prophets (Amos 3:7). Prophets bring vision; Apostles put flesh to the vision and establish it turning it over to others to keep it going. Prophets identify the gifts within people; apostles help to place those people in the best position to use their gifts. Apostles and prophets both need to know where they are called and understand the limits of their authority.

It starts with us!

We need to bring the culture of Heaven into our earth both personally and in our communities. The apostolic-prophetic converges in each us when we are saved. Christ the great apostle living in us giving us a testimony of Jesus which is the spirit of prophecy.

Heb 3:1 *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;*

Rev 19:10b *The testimony (evidence given) of Jesus is the spirit (breath) of prophecy.*

We are the representation of Christ to our culture. We accomplish this through the power of the Holy Spirit showing us what is being done in the heavenly realm so that we can speak it into existence here on earth.

John 5:19 *So Jesus made answer and said, Truly I say to you, The Son is not able to do anything himself; he is able to do only what he sees the Father doing; whatever the Father does the Son does it in the same way.*

Act 10:38 *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him.*

John 14:26 *But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you.*

John 16:7 *But I tell you the truth, it is expedient for*

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you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. But if I depart, I will send Him to you.

John 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak of Himself, but whatever He hears, He shall speak. And He will announce to you things to come.

John 17:22 And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one, 23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me.

The apostolic-prophetic is meant to establish us and move us out of where we have become complacently comfortable. If we have a fear of change because we are in our comfort zone, we will not be open to the convergence of the apostolic-prophetic.

Our lives need to be a living, moving culture to grow and be healthy. Culture is always changing and moving. Some cultures are stiff and unbending and want to stay with the old traditions but if they stay there they eventually die.

It is good to encourage people to question the way they have come to think holding it up before scripture. Sometimes a pattern of thinking has become so established in us, that we might not even consider that it is no longer relevant or even totally wrong.

It is important to encourage creativity and not to be afraid of mistakes. When there are mistakes it is important not to be harsh which will cause fear and shut down the spirit of creativity. When creativity is encouraged it creates a moving, living culture.

It is important to be established in scripture. When we aren't established in scripture the margin for error is greater setting us up to chase something that is not breathed by the Spirit of God ending in failure. This then will foster fear of change and will hinder the convergence of the apostolic and prophetic.

A main function of the apostolic and prophetic is to establish things that are important in scripture that have been newly revealed to us. Highlighting scriptures that have relevance now and are especially important in this season but may seem new and different from what has been established in our culture or the common way of thinking in a previous season.

The apostolic-prophetic coming together is meant to break us out of old, ineffective patterns of thinking.

Thinking corporately in a corporate situation

When we are at home alone it is a devotional situation. We worship one on one so to speak. Like the old song says "Just me and Jesus, we got our own thing going." Everything we do impacts the natural and spiritual atmosphere around us. When we are together with the body of Christ in a corporate setting we must think and act corporately. We must consider how our actions are impacting the atmosphere around us. We want to come into agreement with the

Father by the Holy Spirit to accomplish what the Father desires for the entire group. If we are dancing it should reflect the song. If we are yelling praises it should be along with the rest of the body not causing an interruption. Prophecy should also be in its place so all things are done decently and in order. (1 Cor 14:40) Personal prophetic ministry looks different in a corporate setting than one on one. We must at all times honor each other.

Each person has a role to play when gathering together in a corporate situation. Too often we have been lulled into behaving as if church is another spectator sport where we sit and do not really engage. We should not be any different in the way we function spiritually when at church or away from it.

If our lives as believers are not in order why would anyone want to become a Christian? We need the apostolic-prophetic portion of us to engage so our testimony of Jesus is released to do its work. We may have more freedom when we are with the body of Christ than when we are in the world. But the only difference should be that we use more wisdom and be sure that we are operating in the strategy that the Holy Spirit has given so our testimony is effective.

Our testimony is released by faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rom 4:16 Therefore [it is] of faith that [it might be] according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (17) (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed-- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; (18) who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

2 Cor 4:13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

We must activate and use our faith to bring the culture of heaven to earth.

Mat 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Apostolic-Prophetic builds relationships with the Body and to take the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth through Apostolic planting and growth, training, equipping and serving in the bond of unity.

When we learn to work together as a Global Body, then the world will be turned upside by the Power of God making a big difference in the lives of those locally and around the world.

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