

**Where are
you going?**



How many times recently have I been asked where we are going?

- Where are you going?

Mail needs an address.

- Or we won't receive what people are sending.

Can we be like mail? Do you have an address to which you need to arrive?



1 Timothy 1:1a (Page 839)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus”

What is an apostle?



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Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

9 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town.



⁵ If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶ So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere. ⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, ⁸ others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. ⁹ But Herod said, “I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?” And he tried to see him.



Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹⁰ When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida,



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Matthew 10:2-4 , Page 688 (NIV)

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.



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¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,



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4. Ambassador of the Gospel.

(2 Corinthians 5:20, Page 819)

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



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¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:



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(Acts 2:43, Page 772)

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.



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(Matthew 28:18-20, Page 706)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



1 Timothy 1:1b “by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,”

- Who sends the apostle? If the apostle is the mail... Can the mail send itself?

(Romans 10:14-15, Page 802)

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”^[a]



Christ Jesus our Hope, “good news, KJV says: “gospel of peace,”

- What kind of package is showing up?

1 Timothy 1:2a “To Timothy my true son in the faith:

- No matter where we come from we are family if we are in the faith of Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 1:2b “Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”



- Sent to Kemptville.
- Where are you going? We are all sent.

(2 Corinthians 5:1, Page 818)

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

- Not my home just passing through.

