

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #56

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Choosing An Apostle In The New Testament Church

"And in those days **Peter stood up** in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), **and said**, 'Men *and* brethren, **this Scripture had to be fulfilled**, which **the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas**, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; for **he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry.**' (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) 'For it is written in the book of Psalms [**Psalm 69:25**]: "Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it"; and, [**Psalm 109:8**] "Let another take his office." Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.' And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And **they prayed** and said, 'You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in **this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell**, that he might go to his own place.' And **they cast their lots**, and the lot fell on Matthias. And **he was numbered with the eleven apostles.**" (**Acts 1:15-26** NKJV)

This holy spirit-inspired passage shows us that:

- 1. Peter's action was guided by Scripture.**
- 2. The Holy Spirit spoke through David's mouth**, preserved that statement, and guided Peter's action by the apostles' obedience to it.
- 3. Judas Iscariot was fully an apostle.** Peter said it: Judas was "numbered with us," "obtained a part in this ministry" ("apostleship"), but "by transgression fell"
- 4. In one short meeting, the eleven apostles:** cast lots, designated Matthias, who was immediately "numbered" with the 11 who had cast their lots.

one session, one ballot, decision was final!

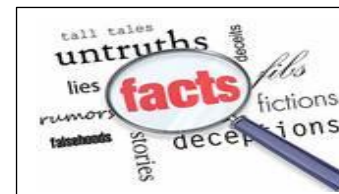
5. Never was this repeated to replace any other apostle, not even Peter! When Herod killed the apostle James, he was never replaced (**Acts 12:1-2**)! **Therefore, the Roman Catholic Church Conclave is not being guided by:**

1. The Holy Spirit or Scripture;
2. This New Testament procedure;
3. The Apostle Peter's example;
4. Prayer to God for providential guidance but rather, Uninspired, human, political popularity.

Jesus warned of Pharisees that "all their works they do to be seen by men." Religion practiced "to be seen by men" already "have their reward" but "have no reward from your Father in Heaven" (**Matthew 6:1, 2, 5**). *God would not have established, nor accepted any church or religion whose worship and/or works are done "to be seen by men!"* "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands" (**Acts 17:24**). *No public posturing, huge buildings, flashy clothing, nor reverential titles can impress God, but are designed to make a show before men.* **The church of Christ is composed of all who become "well-pleasing" to god, not men.** "Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ**, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (**Hebrews 13:20-21**) "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (**Galatians 3:26-27**) -----John T. Polk II

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"Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?"
(**Galatians 4:16** NKJV)

~Whether we are worshipping the **RIGHT GOD** in the **WRONG WAY**, or worshipping the **WRONG GOD**, in the **RIGHT WAY**, both are **EQUALLY WRONG** to **GOD**. ~Tiffany Nairne

~The essence of Government is power; and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will ever be liable to abuse.

~James Madison

~Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle.

~Robert Anthony

People Whom God Loves



God Loves **YOU**

God Loves Your **BROTHERS & SISTERS**

God Loves Your **FATHER & MOTHER**

God Loves Your **GRANDMOTHER & GRANDFATHER**

God Loves All Your **AUNTS, UNCLES, & COUSINS**

God Loves All Your **NEIGHBORS**

God Loves All Your **FRIENDS**

And God Wants **ALL OF THESE** to Love Him Back

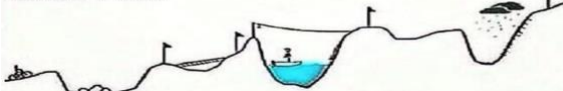
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"strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, 'We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.'" (Acts 14:22 NKJV)

Having a Heart Like God

When God decided that Saul would be replaced as king of Israel, He had the prophet Samuel announce that He was seeking a man after His own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). That man was David.

In one of the Psalms that David wrote, Psalm 86, he beautifully describes the heart of God.

- * God's concerned heart is always willing to listen to us (v.1). We are important to Him.
- * God's sympathetic heart stands ready to forgive, and is abundant in mercy (v.5).
- * God's loving heart causes Him to always be there for us (v.6-7).
- * God's holy heart motivates Him to do good and great things (v.10).
- * God's overflowing heart stimulates compassion, graciousness, patience, and truth (v.15)
- * God's attentive heart is always at work ready to support us (v.16).
- * God caring heart helps and comforts us (v.17).

Because of God's truly loving heart for us, we should, like David, desire to learn from Him, walk with Him, respect Him, and praise Him forevermore (v.11-12).

We should also be like David and desire to have a heart like God's: a concerned, sympathetic, loving, holy, overflowing, attentive and caring heart that is always willing to listen, forgive, support, help, and comfort others.

"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart" (1 Peter. 1:22)

- Edd Sterchi