



“Perfecting the Ordinances”—Historical Observations on the Ministry of Evangelist in the Catholic Apostolic Church¹

On the evangelist ministry we read in the Great Testimony that the evangelist bears: "the tidings of the coming kingdom, and so of the coming judgment, and the news of the ordained refuge, the Church of Christ, wherein alone is salvation". We further read that he fulfils this commission by: "healing the sick, casting out devils, raising the dead" and when, by preaching of the word, confirmed by the signs and miracles which God should work by him, he has drawn the hearts of the hearers to be joined to the Church, receiving them by baptism into the Church". The example of Philip (Acts 8), we read, shows that "having accomplished this, his office is fulfilled, and straightway he proceeds on his mission of preaching the Gospel in

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to think of him as a missionary of the Catholic Apostolic Church restricted their Christian Church on its original mission. On 14 July 1835 Apostle Cardale wrote through the length and breadth

Zurich. On his website “ad fontes” Folkmar Schiek has publicly called upon the Work Group “History of the New Apostolic Church” (WG HNAC) to provide source references in the article “Perfecting the Ordinances—Historical Observations on the Ministry of Evangelist in the Catholic Apostolic Church” (OF 8/2007). The History Work Group responded to this with an Announcement of a supplementary article.

At the time, the History Work Group mentioned that an academic article on the Evangelist ministry had been scheduled for release. The latter was partially based on newly available internal sources of the Catholic Apostolic Church in England.

We are now pleased to make this article available. Please read our preface to the article first.

1. [Preface to article](#)

2. [Article: “Perfecting the Ordinances” – Historical Observations on the Ministry of Evangelist in the Catholic Apostolic Church](#)

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Erratum

The German edition of the article with the English title *Evangelist* is published in the German journal *Evangelium* (Issue No. 18/2007) of 20 April 2007. The present English version is a translation of the German edition. As indicated by the title, we intend to offer some observations intended to show that there were no other persons with the name *Evangelist* in the Catholic Apostolic Church. There is still a lot of work to be done if we want to understand the evolution of the Catholic Apostolic movement and especially in the course of further research of the way how to make sense of the existing testimonies.

In the title we refer to the concept of *evangelizing* the conference. We would like to point out that the mission of the word "to preach the Gospel" is not to be understood as an individual task but as a collective task. We are aware of the fact that there are some persons who are not mentioned in the main text but who are mentioned in the footnotes. We are aware of the fact that there are some persons who are not mentioned in the main text but who are mentioned in the footnotes.

Some Hints on Sources

Results of the following research will appear in the next issue of the journal. We are aware of the fact that there are some persons who are not mentioned in the main text but who are mentioned in the footnotes.

On the evangelist ministry we read in the German Testimony that the evangelist bears "the name of the Gospel" (Evangelium) and is "the one who preaches". We are aware of the fact that there are some persons who are not mentioned in the main text but who are mentioned in the footnotes.

The statement that the evangelist is to baptize might lead us to think of him as a missionary to baptize. However, as a missionary, he would not be responsible for the baptism of the converts. He would be responsible for the baptism of the converts. He would be responsible for the baptism of the converts.

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