

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

When You Subtract the Prophets and Apostles

We want to glorify our awesome God today (Eph 3:20-21)

- Our Creator has made a _____ (Eph 4:1-2)
- He has established a platform for peaceful _____ (Eph 4:3-6)
- In order to bring his perfect design into reality, He has given (Eph 4:11):
 - Apostles
 - Prophets
 - Evangelists
 - Shepherds
 - Teachers
- Our Creator's expressed aim? _____ up the body of Christ (Eph 4:12-16)

What do they all have in common?

The work of connecting
human _____ to the will of _____

The God-designed role of the apostles and prophets

- With Jesus, they are the _____ of the household of God (Eph 2:19-22)
 - Prophets made " _____ " as spokesmen "from God" (2 Pet 1:21; 3:2)
 - Apostles delivered " _____ " of "the Lord and Savior" (2 Pet 3:2-18)
- God made his will _____ by revelation to the prophets and apostles (Eph 3:1-5)
 - Faithful evangelists, shepherds, and teachers have used this revelation ever since to equip the saints (Eph 4:11-12)
 - ...until we all attain to unity and knowledge (Eph 4:13)

When you subtract the apostles and prophets...

- The foundation of the household of God is severely _____
- We are left with evangelists, shepherds, and teachers; but whose _____?
- The possibility for human cunning, craftiness, and deceitful schemes _____
- The saints of God are left without an _____