

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

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TWO NEW MINISTERS

It was with great joy that we set apart Aleksey Belyayev and Angello Tina into the Gospel ministry on December 23, 2018. Both of these men have been active in Christian ministry for a number of years and it was obvious that God had called them and Resurrection Life of Jesus Church confirmed their calling by giving them a license from our church. This is based upon the following Scripture:

Deacons set apart:

“And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.”
(Acts 6:1-6)

Ministers set apart:

“Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.” (Acts 13:1-3)

CHURCH TRADITION

After the reformation led by Martin Luther in 1517, followed by the emergence of the Anabaptists in 1527, the system of Bishops and Cardinals was abandoned by the Baptists. A system was set up where a man who felt called by God to enter the ministry could be recognized by the local church to which he belonged and be given a license to



preach the Gospel wherever God led him. A licensed minister could then become a pastor, evangelist, prophet, Bible teacher or a missionary.

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive...”

(Ephesians 4:11-14)

In order to safeguard against heresies and/or abuse by a licensed minister, the congregation that issued the license could also revoke it.

Once a licensed minister had been in the ministry for some time – usually five years or more – the church can call for an ordination council consisting of ordained ministers from other churches. The licensed minister is brought before this council and questioned about doctrine, moral ethics, etc.

If the council feels the man is true to the Bible, having a high moral character and a good reputation with the church he is serving, he is then ordained by the council and each minister lays hands on him and prays for him.

If an ordained minister misbehaves or becomes involved in heresy, the council can reconvene and vote whether to strip him of his ordination and license.

In this video you will see the licensee service from Aleksey and Angello and hear a short testimony by each of them.