

Ordination

Overview: God has already ordained each of us to the calling on our life. It is up to us to learn our calling and ordination; then the formal church and the Body of Christ can recognize it and confirm it and use it.

A. Definitions of Ordain

Greek – **Ordain/made** (G4160), found, establish, **appointed**/ordained (Kathisthemi- G2525), decree, **separate**/ordain (aphorizo - G873 & G3724), **commit/ordain** (G5087), **give/commit** (G1325).

Note: the words in bold are the ones actually used in the King James Bible.

Modern English – To invest officially (as by the laying on of hands) with ministerial functions.

B. Sanctification

1. Sanctification is a process of becoming separate (i.e., ordained).
2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye **separate** (G873), saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. See D4.
2. Sanctification is a process of filtering (i.e., many called but few chosen) and personal cleansing. Examples of filtering are the Flood, Sodom & Gomorrah, Jericho, the Rapture. Examples of personal cleansing are Abraham, Moses, Elisah and the apostles, who all left all.
3. The process of Sanctification and filtering is accomplished through five baptisms: Baptism into Christ as Savior; Baptism into the Lordship of Jesus by being washed by the Water of the Word; Baptism by Water; Baptism of the Holy Spirit; and Baptism by Fire.
4. Baptism by Fire is the washing away from you and your life anything that gets between you and God (i.e., filtering, consecration or separation, which is ordination).
5. Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and **ordained** (G5087) you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. See E1.

C. Ordination

1. Titus 1:5 Paul instructed Titus to ordain (G2525) elders in every city.
2. Mark 3:14 Jesus ordained (poieo - G4160 “pay eh o”) twelve apostles. See E3.
3. 1 Tim 2:7 God ordained (G5087) Paul as a preacher, apostle and a teacher.
4. 2 Tim 4:22 Footnote states that Timothy was ordained as bishop of the church at Ephesus.
5. Acts 6:4-6 The Twelve **appointed** (i.e., ordained – G2525) deacons for the natural work of the church, “whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.”

D. Five-fold Ministry Ordination

1. Acts 9:4-6 God’s selection and ordination of Paul on the road to Damascus are later confirmed by the church in the ordination ceremony in D4.
2. Eph 4:12 Ordained by God for mankind’s benefits: “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”
3. Eph 4:11 And he gave (Commit – G1325) some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; See E1.
4. Act 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, **separate** (G873) me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. See B1.
5. Act 13:3 How did they separate/ordain them? “And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.”

E. Ordained to Ministry

1. All believers are ordained to a Ministry of Reconciliation.
2Co 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath **given** (**Committed** -G1325) to us the ministry of reconciliation; See D3.
2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath **committed** (i.e., ordained -G5087) unto us the word of reconciliation. See B5.

2. All believers are ordained to be ambassadors of Heaven.
2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
John 15:19 We are in this world but not of this world; for we chose to live by the laws of the Kingdom of God.

3. All believers are ordained to be kings and priests.
Rev 5:10 And hast **made** (i.e., ordained -G4160) us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. See C2.

4. Rom 12:6-8 All believers have been given Ministry gifts for their ministry to the church body. These are prophecy, ministering (helps), teaching, exhortation, giving, ruling and mercy.

5. 1 Cor 12:7-10 All believers have a right to ask for manifestation of the Gifts of the Spirit in their ministry to others. The gifts are:
 - a) Power – Faith, Miracles, Healing.
 - b) Revelation – Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits.
 - c) Vocal - Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues.

Summary

Note that the first three words mean “**ordain**” (i.e., they could all have been translated as “ordain”). The fourth word, “**commit**,” is one of the several meanings of the word “ordain.”

| Greek Strong # | Scripture 1 | Outline Refer # 1 | Scripture 2 | Outline Refer # 2 |
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| G873 separate | We are called out of them, to be separate (i.e., ordained). | B1 | Paul and Barnabas to be separate (i.e., ordained). | D4 |
| G5087 ordained | Jesus has ordained us to bring forth fruit. | B5 | God ordained Paul as preacher, apostle and teacher. | C3 |
| | | | We are committed (ordained) to the Word of reconciliation. | E1 v 19 |
| G4160 ordained | Jesus ordained 12 apostles. | C2 | We are ordained as kings and priests. | E3 |
| G1325 committed | He gave (committed) some as APEPT in Ministry Offices. | D3 | We are committed to the ministry of reconciliation. | E1 v 18 |