the APOSTLE

"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the **Apostle** and High Priest of our Profession, **Christ Jesus**." (Hebrews 3:1)

Apostle: from the Greek word *apostolos*, which means: <u>sent-one</u>; <u>a messenger</u>; <u>one sent on a mission</u>; <u>commissioned by another to represent him in some way</u>; <u>an apostle</u>."

Sent: from the Greek word *apostello*, which means: "to set apart; by implication, to send out on a mission by someone else; literally or figuratively."

Send: from the Greek word *pempo*, which means: "to send, especially to send someone to someone else from the sender's abode."

The word 'Apostle' in the New Testament usually refers to the twelve Apostles that Jesus chose and sent out into the world to spread the Goodnews of Christ Jesus, as it says:

"Then said Jesus to them again, "Peace be unto you, <u>as My Father has sent Me</u>, <u>even</u> <u>so I send you</u>.""(see John 20:21)

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you; and, Io, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28;16-20)

Just as Jesus sent out His Apostles, so also was Christ Jesus Himself sent by God into the world to be an Apostle and a High Priest. Consider these verses:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes on Him is not condemned; but he who believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3;16-18)

"He who has received His testimony has set to his seal that God is true. For <u>He whom God has sent</u> speaks the words of God; for God gives not the Spirit by measure unto Him. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. (John 3:33-35)

"But I have greater witness than that of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has **sent** Me. And the Father Himself, who did **send** Me, has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. And you have not His word abiding in you; for whom He has **sent**, Him you do not believe." (John 5:36-38)

Jesus is the Apostle and High Priest of our professed faith, who was sent to us by the Father, and from the very abode of the Father in heaven; all because God loves us so very much!

Jesus is...

the Apostle

Jesus was sent by the Father to be the High Priest of our Profession, and the Savior of out souls!

Why? - Because God loved us so very, very much!

Thank You Father in heaven for sending Your Son Jesus to be our Savior!
Thank You Jesus for being the Apostle of our professed faith in You as our Savior!