

Argument One: The Primary Facts of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:01–11

1 The importance of the gospel

- a. You have received it
- b. You stand in it

- c. You are saved by it
 - 1) If you hold it fast
 - 2) If your belief is not in vain

2 Fact 1:

Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture

3 Fact 2:

Christ was buried and arose according to the Scripture

4 Fact 3:

There were eyewitnesses

- a. Peter saw Him
- b. The twelve saw Him
- c. Five hundred saw Him

- d. James saw Him
- e. The apostles saw Him again

1 Now, brothers,
I want to remind you
of the gospel I preached to you,
which you received
and on which you have taken your stand.

2 By this gospel you are saved,
if you hold firmly to the word
I preached to you.
Otherwise,
you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received
I passed on to you
as of first importance :
that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures,

4 That he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day
according to the Scriptures,

5 And that he appeared to Peter,
and then to the Twelve.

6 After that,
he appeared to more than
five hundred of the brothers
at the same time,
most of whom are still living,
though some have fallen asleep.

7 Then he appeared to James,
then to all the apostles,

5 **Fact 4:**
*There was one strong eyewitness,
Paul himself*

- a. He saw Christ
after His ascension
- b. He was radically changed
against all odds
- c. He was desperately driven
to labour for Christ

6 **Fact 5:**
*There is only one gospel
that is preached
and has to be believed*

8 And last of all
he appeared to me also,
as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles
and do not even deserve
to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God
I am what I am,
and his grace to me
was not without effect.
No, I worked harder than all of them —
yet not I,
but the grace of God that was with me.

11 Whether, then, it was I or they,
this is what we preach,
and this is what you believed.