

**1 Corinthians 15:1-9 (NASB)**

*<sup>1</sup> Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,*

*<sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.*

*<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,*

*<sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,*

*<sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

*<sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;*

*<sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;*

*<sup>8</sup> and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.*

*<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*

3 divisions to 1Corinthians.

1. The Cross of Christ excluding world wisdom, license of flesh, demons.
2. Holy Spirit maintaining order in the church.
3. Resurrection of Christ triumphing over death and grave.

One evil leads to another.

Paul has made known the gospel which he preached, they received, and stand

Shows proof of salvation because they are holding fast the gospel

The Gospel

1. Christ died for our sins according to scripture
2. He was buried
3. He was raised the third day according to scripture.
4. He appeared to Peter, then the twelve, then to 500, then to James, then to all the Apostles.

He appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus

Paul claims to be the least of the Apostles because he persecuted the church.

He did not regard his apostleship inferior to the other Apostles.