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“Paul was not among the original Apostles, all of whom had been disciples of Jesus during His earthly ministry. He was not among the five hundred other believers who had seen the resurrected Christ. Rather, he had for many years been an unbeliever and a chief persecutor of the church. The Lord’s appearance to Paul not only was post-resurrection but post-ascension, making Paul’s testimony more unique still.”

1-The Continuous Function Argument

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹And He Himself gave [**very specifically**] some to be the apostles, some the prophets, some the evangelists, and some the pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

¹³ [**for how long?**] till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect [mature] man, to the measure of [**whom?**] the stature of the fullness of Christ

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **[where are the Evangelists and the Pastor/Teachers?]** Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole building **[upon the foundation]**, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built **[up]** together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit **[on the foundation]**.

Ephesians 4:12-15

¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children [**but mature and not be**], tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

**The Criteria for an Apostle did not
change Post Paul**

1. Had to have seen the risen Christ, not just a vision of Him, but an appearance to him.
2. Public display of Signs and Wonders, unusual miracles as it says of Paul in Acts 19:11

Last is Last and Paul is the Last Apostle

³I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

**Then last of all He was seen by me also,
as by one born out of due time.**

Foundations are built on not lived in

**Lastly we Have the 24 Elders
Not Apostles in Revelation 5:14**

Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders [**presbuteros**] fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.