

Does God want everyone to grasp the gospel and get it?

God chose to choose us, and we must choose to choose Him by choosing holiness.

*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.
Ephesians 1:4-5*

And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet blast, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. Matthew 24:31

God knows the heart of every person.

And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us. Acts 15:8

God draws the heart of every person to Himself.

*No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.
John 6:44*

*That they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.
Acts 17:27*

God draws the heart of a person to Himself through creation.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. Romans 1:20

God draws the heart of a person to Himself through the personal life of Jesus Christ.

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

God draws the heart of a person to Himself through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
1 Corinthians 2:10*

God chose to choose us and draws us to Himself, but we must choose to choose Him...

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9-10

Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Romans 10:13

...choosing Him means choosing to live holy lives.

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 1 John 2:3-4

But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. 1 John 2:5-6

Why do you think some grasp the gospel and get it while others don't?

Brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. 1 Thessalonians 4:1

People who get it refuse to respond to the gospel of *Easy Believism*.

People who get it recognize the responsibility of being chosen.

People who get it are sensitive to sin because of the Holy Spirit.

People who get it have a story of faith that resonates to all who know them.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

People who get it refuse to waiver in difficult times.

For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews. 1 Thessalonians 2:14

People who get it recognize the strategies of the tempter.

For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain. 1 Thessalonians 3:5

Satan creates doubt concerning the word of God.

Brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us. 2 Thessalonians 2:15

Satan creates division concerning the people of God.

Now we request you, brethren, regarding the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 2 Thessalonians 2:1–2

Satan creates confusion concerning the will of God.

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God. 1 Thessalonians 4:3–5

Satan creates hindrances concerning the work of God.

For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good. 2 Thessalonians 3:13

But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:21–22

People who get it have a genuine love for others.

Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more. 1 Thessalonians 4:9–10

People who get it have an eternal perspective.

For they report what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come. 1 Thessalonians 1:9–10

