

God has no difficulty with communicating His messages.

This passage is one of the most revealing regarding God's process of choosing and enabling people for salvation. Let's examine what the passage states.

First, we see that some in the crowd did not believe in Jesus. This is not a surprise.

Next, we see that Jesus "...*knew from the beginning...who did not believe...*" This observation is critical to understand. God's foreknowledge regarding salvation **includes knowing who would refuse to believe in Jesus from the beginning.**

Because of this eternal foreknowledge of Jesus, He tells us that **THIS IS THE REASON** that Jesus told us "...*that no one can come to Me unless it has been GRANTED him from the Father.*"

For clarity, we must ask and answer the question, "What is the REASON that Jesus gave for God granting salvation?" The answer given by Jesus is, "...*Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe...*"

Jesus foreknew who would not believe, and this foreknowledge is the reason Jesus

said you can't come unless God enables you.

Foreknowledge of faith or rejection of Jesus is the condition for God's granting salvation.

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### Conclusion:

Sound doctrine comes out from Scripture. Sound doctrine is not what we put into Scripture.

Scripture makes it clear that God's election is according to his foreknowledge. The Bible states that Jesus knew from the beginning who would reject Him. The Word of God tells us that it is because of this foreknowledge that God GRANTS salvation.



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### Salvation Is A Gift Of Grace Through Faith

*"For by **grace** are ye **saved** through **faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: it is the **gift of God**:" (Ephesians 2:8)*

The Scripture definitively proclaims that salvation is a GIFT of grace through faith. It cannot be earned by any good work.

We want to examine on what basis God gives the gift of salvation. Does the Bible tell us why God chooses some and not others?

Ephesians 2:8 provides one clue about the requirements for giving the gift... **grace and faith**. Therefore, we know that God gives salvation only to those who have faith in Jesus and His substitutionary sacrifice for our sins on the Cross.

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# GOD GRANTS SALVATION

## The Source Of Grace And Faith

*“For the **grace of God** has appeared that **offers salvation to all people.**” (Titus 2:11)*

*“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as **God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**” (Romans 12:3)*

Both grace and faith come from God. He offers salvation to all people and has given every man the measure of faith.

Yet another source of faith, or more likely, increasing our faith, is hearing the Word of God.

*“So then faith cometh by hearing, and **hearing by the word of God.**” (Romans 10:17)*

This is why we preach the Gospel. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God; therefore, sharing Jesus with the lost can produce and increase faith, drawing sinners to repentance.

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## Salvation Is Granted By God

*“All that the Father giveth me shall come to*

*me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” (John 6:37)*

This passage again clearly confirms that salvation is a gift from God. God gives His elect to Jesus, and they will not be cast out. This brings us back to one of our initial ponderings, **“Does the Bible tell us anything about what God bases His choices on?”**

If there is clarity in the Scriptures, we must seek it out and embrace it for the spiritual truth that it is.

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## What Is The Basis Of God’s Choosing

*“Elect **according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.**” (1 Peter 1:2)*

*“For whom **he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**” (Romans 8:29)*

## Foreknowledge!

These Scriptures clearly state that God’s condition for His choosing of people for salvation is **His foreknowledge**. Peter specifically tells us that we are *“elect*

*according to the foreknowledge of God.”*

Foreknowledge is a critical component of the salvation process. Therefore, we must seek to grow in the Biblical understanding of God’s foreknowledge. We could ask, **“What does God know?”** Any Sunday School child would answer with one word... **“everything!”** Indeed, God does know everything; thus, He would not make any wrong decisions.

However, does the Bible say anything specific about God’s foreknowledge as it pertains to salvation?

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## So, What Does God Foreknow

*“But there are some of you who do not believe.” For **Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.** (65) And He was saying, **“For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been GRANTED him from the Father.”** (John 6:64-65)*

Indeed, Scripture gives insight into answering the question about what God foreknows. When we want to receive understanding about such doctrines, **we must allow the Bible to answer for itself.**