

Why Atheists Don't Believe the Gospel

- I. Why do some people believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ, but most do not?
- II. Most people don't believe the gospel because they *can't* believe it because they are spiritually dead and have not the ability to hear, understand, and believe spiritual things.
 1. **1Co 1:18** - For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
 2. **1Co 2:14** - But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
 3. **Joh 8:43** - Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.
 4. **Joh 8:47** - He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.
 5. **Joh 10:26** - But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.
 6. **Rom 8:7** - Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
 7. **Rom 8:8** - So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- III. Why then do most people believe that there is a God?
- IV. It's because it doesn't take a regenerate spirit within to believe that there is a God because the creation itself declares it.
 1. **Rom 1:20** - For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
 2. **Psa 19:1** - The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
 3. **Job 12:7** - But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:
 4. **Job 12:8** - Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
 5. **Job 12:9** - Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?
 6. **Job 12:10** - In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.
- V. Any moderately intelligent person immediately recognizes design when he sees it.
 1. Design is the purposeful arrangement of parts.
 2. Even a child can look at something as simple as a book or as complex as a computer and immediately know it was designed and didn't spontaneously come into existence.
 3. He wouldn't need to have ever seen it before, nor have known who designed it or how, because the marks of design are self-evident.
- VI. But an atheist that would immediately recognize design in the world around him looks at one of the most highly complex machines in the universe (a cell) which runs on highly complex computer code (DNA) and concludes that it has no designer.
- VII. And this is why God calls atheists fools.
 1. **Psa 14:1a** - The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God....
 2. **1Co 1:19** - For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
 3. **1Co 1:20** - Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
 4. **1Co 1:21** - For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.