

God's Effectual Work of Salvation

1 Thessalonians 1:2-5

The way the gospel came to the Thessalonians demonstrates that salvation is an effectual work of God and not due to any human effort, and this should humble us and embolden us.

1. The gospel came to them in power.
 - a. It did *not* come with the force of human logic or rhetoric.
 - b. It came with the effectual power of the truth.
2. The gospel came to them in the Holy Spirit.
 - a. It did *not* come to them by way of any human effort.
 - b. It came by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.
3. The gospel came to them with full conviction.
 - a. It did *not* come with equivocation, timidity or selfish ambition.
 - b. It came to them with the force of unashamed and confident conviction.