

## The Gospel

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### 1. Effective Calling ([2 Thessalonians 2:14](#), [John 6:44](#))

- A. Effective calling is an \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Effective calling is defined as an act of God the Father, speaking through the human proclamation of the gospel, in which he \_\_\_\_\_ people to himself in such a way that they \_\_\_\_\_ in saving faith.

### 2. General Calling ([Matthew 11:28](#), [John 7:37](#), [John 3:16](#))

- A. General calling is when the gospel message is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to sinners.
- B. General calling can be \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. The Elements of the Gospel Call

#### A. Explanation of the Facts Concerning \_\_\_\_\_ ([Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23](#), [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#))

- All people have \_\_\_\_\_.
- The penalty for sin is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for our sins, he \_\_\_\_\_ form the dead, and is alive today.

#### B. Invitation to Respond to Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in Repentance and Faith ([Matthew 11:28](#); [Revelation 22:17](#))

- The response to the gospel invitation is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A genuine gospel presentation must include an \_\_\_\_\_ to make a decision.

#### C. A Promise of \_\_\_\_\_ and Eternal Life ([Acts 3:19](#); [John 3:16](#))

### Discussion Questions

1. How would you summarize the gospel message in your own words? Why is it important to be clear about what the gospel actually is?
2. What does it mean that God's "effective call" is an **act of God** rather than something we initiate ourselves?
3. [John 6:44](#) teaches that no one can come unless the Father draws them. What does this say about human ability and God's grace in salvation?

4. If the general call goes out to all people, why do you think some accept it and others reject it?
5. Why is it important that the gospel presentation includes both **repentance** and **faith**? What happens if one of these elements is missing?
6. Knowing facts about Jesus is necessary, but not sufficient for salvation. What moves someone from knowing about Christ to actually trusting in Him?
7. Romans 10:14 emphasizes the importance of preaching the gospel. What does this teach us about our role in God's plan to save others?