

What is effectual calling?

And these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom he called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified (NASB; Rom. 8:30).

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me (NASB; John 6:44-45).

But we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. . . (NASB; I Cor. 1:23-24).

Effectual calling is God's speaking in such a way, through the human communication of the gospel, that sinners respond willingly with saving faith.

Speak with the voice that wakes the dead. . .

("Revive Thy Work, O Lord," Albert Midlane).

*I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
wrought peace within my heart*

("I Know Whom I Have Believed," Daniel W. Whittle).

