

CALLING #2

In our last message we talked about the fact that people were saved and became Christians, during the time of the apostles, by being called out of darkness and into God's light. We ended with the question of how were these individuals called by God. If we were to ask people today how they were called or saved by God, we would probably get a variety of answers. Many times those answers would involve a traumatic or near death experience, after which, a person felt saved.

However, the Bible doesn't talk about a multitude of ways to be saved, but rather, how all Christians have a common salvation. Let's listen to what Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:14 where he wrote, "It was for this he called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The one way then, that God calls people, is through the gospel of Christ. Paul had established the church at Thessalonica on his second missionary journey. He had done that by preaching the gospel and teaching Jews and Gentiles alike about salvation in Christ. So if we want to become New Testament Christians, like those in Thessalonica, we also need to be called by God by hearing and obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ.