

How is God's Word made effectual to salvation?

The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul (KJV; Ps. 19:7a).

A woman named Lydia, . . . and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul (NASB; Acts 16:14).

I Thess. 1:4-7

There was a time in my native Scotland when the vast majority of twelve-year old boys and girls knew the answer to the question (Sinclair Ferguson, from the Forward to Joel Beeke's, *Reformed Preaching*).

The Spirit of God makes the reading,
but especially the preaching of the
Word, an effectual means of convincing
and converting sinners and of building
them up in holiness and comfort.

(Adapted from C. H. Spurgeon's, *A Catechism*, Q. 89)

***Is this conviction still alive and well in the
hearts of preachers today (Ferguson)?***

