

## **FOUR WORKINGS OF THE GOSPEL**

(1 Thess.1:5) “For **our gospel** (to euaggelion) did not come to you **in** (en+inst of means) **word** (logos) **only**, but also **in power** (dunamis) and **in the Holy Spirit** (Hagios Pneuma) and **in full conviction** (polus plerophoria), just as you know what kind of men, we prove to be among you for your sake.”

### **1. Note that the four-fold workings of the gospel of grace salvation is given by four prepositional phrases:**

- In the word
- In the power
- In the Holy Spirit
- In full conviction

**Note also that all four prepositional phrases are en-instrumental of means:**

- “For our gospel did not come ‘in (by means of) word only, but also.’”

**Note also that all four prepositional phrases do not have the Greek definite article.**

- Therefore, the idea of their function (working) is emphasized in the Gospel of Grace Salvation:
  - by means of **word**
  - by means of **power**
  - by means of **Holy Spirit**
  - by means of **full conviction**

### **2. Paul used logos rather than rhema for the working of the WORD in the Gospel of Grace Salvation.**

We know LOGOS was a New covenant word used by the Apostle John to identify Jesus Christ as the messianic Savior of the world (John 1:1-5, 14-18, 29, 34, 36) and (1 John 1:1-4, 7-9).

Paul used it without the definite article **to show the “function” of the word of the gospel which was the work of Jesus Christ on the cross:**

(1 Cor.15:3-4) “Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world, was buried and on the third day raised from the dead to give life everlasting. (John 1:29; 1 John 5:11-13)

### **3. The second working of the Gospel of Grace Salvation used by Paul, without a definite article, was **POWER (dunamis)**.**

It refers to an explosive power working in the realm of the inner man [a new creation] (2 Cor. 5:17). This is the power of God that is activated inside of man the moment he believes in the gospel of grace salvation.

(Rom.1:16) “For I am not ashamed of the **gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

(1 Cor.1:18) “**For the word (ho logos) of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**” (1 Cor.1:24, 30)

**4. The third working of the Gospel of Grace Salvation used by Paul was The HOLY SPIRIT.**

The moment a person believes that Jesus died for his sins, was buried, and raised on the third day; he receives eight works of the Holy Spirit in Grace Salvation, which he can never lose in time nor in eternity.

Adoption	(Rom.8:14-17)	Sanctification	(2 Thess.2:13-14)
Baptism	(1Cor.12:13; Gal.3:27)	Seals	(Eph.1:13; 4:30)
Indwell	(1 Cor.6:19-20)	Spiritual Gift	(1 Cor.12:7, 11)
Regeneration	(John 3:1-8; Titus 3:5-7)	Spiritual Life	(Rom.8:9-11)

(1 Cor.2:12-13) “Now you have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.”

**5. The fourth work of the Gospel of Grace Salvation used by Paul was to one’s FULL CONVICTION.**

**FULL CONVICTION** (polus plerophoria) refers to something carried to its fullest, or to its entirety, so that you have confidence and assurance (Rom.5:5) [Thomas] (John 20:29).

No more lingering doubts or fears. You are trusting what the Word of God says about your Grace Salvation.

(Eph.2:8-9) “**For by grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

You must believe what the Bible says about God’s security of your grace salvation; and that gives you assurance of your eternal salvation.

(John 10:28-30) “and **I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish;** and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and **no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.**”

(1 John 5:11-13) “And the **testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.**”