

## SAVED FROM HELL IN A PHILIPPIAN JAIL

(Acts 16:25-40)

- I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)
- II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)
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- IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

- A. Paul and Silas Revisit the Churches in Southern Galatia (16:1-5)
- B. Paul Receives a Vision from the Holy Spirit to Go to Macedonia (16:6-10)
- C. After Entering Philippi the Missionaries are Introduced to Lydia (16:11-15)
- D. Paul Casts a Demon out of a Local Girl and He and Silas are Arrested (16:16-24)
- E. The Philippian Jailer and His Family Gets Saved (16:25-40)

1. After a horrible beating and with their feet in stocks, Paul and Silas did \_\_\_\_\_ complain nor did they blame God; instead, they \_\_\_\_\_ God at this late hour with prayers and \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 25a)
  
2. We are told "*the prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ to them*"; they had to wonder who these men were and how they could \_\_\_\_\_ in this situation. What a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ among the unsaved! (v. 25b)
  
3. The answer to the \_\_\_\_\_ prayers of Paul and Silas came with suddenness and authority in the form of a great earthquake, shaking the very foundations of the prison, \_\_\_\_\_ open doors, and \_\_\_\_\_ loose the chains of every prisoner! (v. 26)
  
4. Guards were responsible for their prisoners and would be held \_\_\_\_\_ for their escape; they would often be shamed among their peers and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 12:18-19), thus this jailer was about to commit \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 27)
  
5. Paul quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and informed the jailer that all the prisoners were still there; the jailer called to his subordinates for a torch and rushed into Paul and Silas' cell, the man fell at their feet \_\_\_\_\_, he was \_\_\_\_\_ for the Gospel. (vv. 28-29)

6. Most likely their late night singing and the earthquake had presented the jailer with irrefutable \_\_\_\_\_ that God was at work among these missionaries; he asked them plainly, “Sirs, what must I \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_?” (v. 30)
7. Personal salvation \_\_\_\_\_ depends on \_\_\_\_\_; Paul and Silas gave the jailer the needed answer, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.” (v. 31)

\* How shall we view the word “household” in this context?

8. The missionaries had the opportunity to witness to the jailer’s \_\_\_\_\_, and they all got \_\_\_\_\_ and baptized; the man who had supervised their beatings now \_\_\_\_\_ their wounds. (vv. 32-34)
9. The magistrates who had Paul and Silas \_\_\_\_\_ beaten and imprisoned without a \_\_\_\_\_ trial now sought their \_\_\_\_\_, and communicated this to the guards. (vv. 35-36)
10. Paul’s demand that the magistrates personally \_\_\_\_\_ him and Silas out of prison might appear to be vindictive at first glance, but it was probably designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the young church in Philippi from any \_\_\_\_\_ harassment from the authorities. (v. 37)
11. Learning of their Roman citizenship was alarming, they personally \_\_\_\_\_ with them to leave; before leaving Philippi Paul and Silas first stopped at \_\_\_\_\_ house to encourage the believers who were \_\_\_\_\_ there. (vv. 38-40)

\* How can you personally apply the truths found in this passage?