

The Second Missionary Journey, Part 2

The power of the Gospel demonstrated in Three Salvations at Philippi

Romans 1:16 ~~I am not ashamed of~~ **I do not underestimate** the gospel, for it is the power of God ~~for~~ **leading to salvation** ~~to~~ **for** everyone who believes.

Acts 16:9 A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10-11 When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis;

12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days.

1 Peter 1:9 ...obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Acts 16: 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

14 A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening {i.e., following point by point}; and the Lord ~~opened her heart~~ **illuminated her mind** to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, ~~"If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord~~ **If you are convinced that I am a believer in the Lord**, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Philippians 1:3-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

Acts 16:6 ... having been ~~forbidden by the Holy Spirit~~ **told "No!"** by Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia

- 16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, ~~a slave girl~~ a **young slave woman** having a spirit of divination {literally "Pytho"} met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling.
- 17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are ~~bond-servants~~ **free will servants** of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation."
- 18 She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.
- 19-21 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities, and when they had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews, and are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans."
- 22-23 The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods. When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely;
- 24 and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.
- 25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;
- 26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.
- 27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.
- 28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!"
- 29-30 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
- 31 They said, ~~"Believe in"~~ **"Trust in** the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

33-34 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediacy he was baptized, he and all his household. And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

35 Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent their policemen, saying, "Release those men."

36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The chief magistrates have sent to release you. Therefore come out now and go in peace."

37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us in public without trial, men who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out."

38-39 The policemen reported these words to the chief magistrates. They were afraid when they heard that they were Romans, and they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them to leave the city.

40 They went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia, and when they saw the ~~brethren~~ **brothers and sisters**, they encouraged them and departed.

Ephesians 4:17-18 ...you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Ephesians 2:2 ... you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air

2 Timothy 2:26 ...they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Ezekiel 36:26 ... I will remove the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Psalms 23 {translated from the Septuagint}

The Lord shepherds me; He will not fail me

He sets up camp for me in the green pastures to feed me; He nourishes me with peaceful waters

He puts my soul at ease so He can turn me into the right tracks for His namesake.