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The Gospel makes its way into Macedonian – Part 2

(ACTS 16)

Review of our previous study:

- ▶ The Gospel makes its way into Macedonia (Acts 16)
- ▶ Timothy Joins Paul and Silas (Acts 16:1 – 5)
- ▶ The Macedonian Call (Acts 16:6 – 10)

In this study:

- ▶ The Conversion of Lydia (Acts 16:11 – 15)
- ▶ Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16 – 24)
- ▶ The Philippian Jailer Converted (Acts 16:25 – 34)
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The Conversion of Lydia

ACTS 16:11 – 15

Acts 16:11 – 13 (ESV)

11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.



Roman citizens were given rights that non-Roman subjects did not have.

- ▶ Roman citizens had the right to be free from scourging.
- ▶ Roman citizens had the right to be free from arrest without charges, except in the most extreme cases.
- ▶ Roman citizens had the right to appeal their case to Caesar.

Acts 16:14 – 15 (ESV)

14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Does verse 15 imply that infants can and should be baptized as some teach?

- ▶ To teach infant baptism based on this passage one has to make assumptions that go beyond what text says.
- ▶ The phrase “her household” does not of necessity imply that children were included.
- ▶ The teaching of infant violates the teaching of scripture.
 - ▶ John 3:16
 - ▶ Mark 16:16
 - ▶ Ezekiel 18:20
 - ▶ Matthew 18:1 – 4
- ▶ Therefore, the phrase “her household” must not have included infants.



Paul and Silas in Prison

ACTS 16:16 – 24

Acts 16:16 – 18 (ESV)

16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” 18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

Acts 16:19 – 24 (ESV)



19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.




The Philippian Jailer Converted

ACTS 16:25 – 34

Acts 16:25 – 26 (ESV)

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.



In our next study, we
will examine the rest
of Acts 16!