

# Believe and You Will Be Saved

Acts 16:16-33

1. There was a **jailer** in the ancient city of Philippi who was like many of us today.

2. The jailer resisted the message of salvation because of **cultural pressure**.

Acts 16: 20-21 They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”

Acts 16: 23-24 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

3. God opened **the doors** to the jailer’s heart.

Acts 16: 25-27 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

Acts 16: 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.<sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

4. God used Paul to describe the **plan of salvation**.

Acts 16: 31-32 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

5. Paul helped the jailer and his family **to respond**.

Acts 16: 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

6. They **rejoiced** in their salvation.

Acts 16: 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

7. But **everyone else** followed the culture.

Acts 16: 39 They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city.