

Chapter 16

- ▶ 16:1–5
 - Timothy, and delivering the decrees
- ▶ 16:6–10
 - Being called to Macedonia
- ▶ 16:11–15
 - Conversion of Lydia
- ▶ 16:16–40
 - Continued work in Philippi






Overview of the Second Journey

- ▶ Acts 15:41 – 18:22
- ▶ Distance: about 2800–3000 miles
- ▶ About 3 years: A.D. 50–53
 - Gallio (Acts 18:12) – proconsul in Corinth A.D. 51–52
- ▶ Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke
 - But “we” becomes “they” beginning in Thessalonica



Second Preaching Trip

- ▶ Region: Syria
 - Paul & Silas
 - 15:35–41
 - Strengthening disciples
 - ▶ Region: Cilicia
 - Paul & Silas
 - 15:41
 - Strengthening disciples
 - ▶ Derbe in region of Lycaonia, province of Galatia
 - Paul & Silas
 - 16:1–5
 - Delivered decrees; churches increased in number
 - ▶ Lystra in region of Lycaonia, province of Galatia
 - Paul & Silas & Timothy
 - 16:1–5
 - Picked up Timothy and had him circumcised
 - Delivered decrees; churches strengthened and increased in number
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Second Preaching Trip

- ▶ Region: Phrygia, province of Asia Minor
 - Paul & Silas & Timothy
 - 16:6
- ▶ Troas in region of Mysia in province of Asia Minor
 - Paul & Silas & Timothy & Luke
 - 16:7, 8–11
- ▶ Island of Samothrace
 - Paul & Silas & Timothy & Luke
 - 16:11
- ▶ Neapolis in province of Macedonia
 - Paul & Silas & Timothy & Luke
 - 16:11
- ▶ Philippi in province of Macedonia
 - Paul & Silas & Timothy & Luke
 - 16:12–40
 - Conversion of Lydia and her household
 - Spirit cast out of slave girl
 - Paul & Silas imprisoned
 - Conversion of Philippian jailor and his household
 - 2 Corinthians 11:25; 1 Thessalonians 2:2; Philippians 4:15



Lydia

- ▶ From Thyatira, in the Roman province of Asia, 20 miles SE of Pergamum
- ▶ Seller of purple
 - Purple dye in great demand among the rich; a lucrative business
- ▶ A worshiper of God – a God-fearing woman
- ▶ “She heard us” (v.14)
- ▶ The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul
 - The Spirit works through the word of God – the words Paul spoke in this case
 - Romans 1:16; 10:17
- ▶ Her heart was **opened** to heed
 - Heed = attend to – to give attention to; same
 - “respond” in NASB
 - Same word as Acts 8:6
- ▶ To the contrary, a person’s heart is **closed** when he is unwilling to hear and respond in obedience
 - Matthew 13:13–15
- ▶ Contrast with Calvinism:
 - Total hereditary depravity, making it impossible for a person to receive the word of God except by “irresistible grace”



Lydia

- ▶ The Lord opened her heart to heed (respond to) the things spoken by Paul
- ▶ She and her household were baptized
- ▶ Demonstrated hospitality to men who were previously strangers
- ▶ She and her household were baptized
 - Is it a necessary inference that babies or infants were baptized?
 - No.
 - The word “household” does not necessarily imply infants!
 - But even further, baptizing infants would contradict the plain teaching of the gospel: “he who believes & is baptized shall be saved”
 - Infants do not believe and are not the proper subjects for baptism
 - So is it not a necessary inference that the Holy Spirit saying her household was baptized did not include infants?
 - Besides, “household” may very well be her “company” of people in her business



A spirit–possessed slave girl

- ▶ Paul annoyed
 - Must have been a hindrance to his work?
- ▶ Miracle – at that very hour
- ▶ Her masters had a problem with the miracle
 - Loss of \$
 - The evil spirit “went out” and the masters saw their hope of profit “went out”
 - The gospel strikes and demands change
- ▶ Gentiles’ persecution of Paul
- ▶ The charges
 - They are Jews
 - Disturbing the peace
 - “Customs” – religious laws/forms, “not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe”
- ▶ Paul & Silas put into the inner prison; in stocks



The Philippian Jailer

- ▶ Roman code of honor – only honorable thing for the jailer to do was to kill himself rather than being executed for permitting prisoners to escape
- ▶ His question:
 - “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
 - This is a good question.
 - This is an ageless question.
 - This question need’s heaven’s answer.
- ▶ The answer:
 - “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household”



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- ▶ What does this involve?
- ▶ They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in His house
- ▶ The same hour of the night he washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his household were baptized
- ▶ Is this a different way to be saved than
 - Mark 16:16? No.
 - Acts 2:38? No.
 - Or any other conversion in Acts? No.
- ▶ Saved by grace through faith – Ephesians 2:8
- ▶ Saving faith is an obedient faith
 - James 2:14–16
 - Romans 6:17–18
 - Hebrews 5:8–9



What Must I Do?

- ▶ What = something
- ▶ Must = required
- ▶ I = personal
- ▶ Do = action

- ▶ Acts 2:37 – the question
 - 2:38 – already believed; told to repent and be baptized
- ▶ Acts 9:6 – the question
 - 22:16 – believing & penitent, told to be baptized
- ▶ Acts 16:30 – the question
 - 16:31 – “believe”
- ▶ 3 different answers?
 - 3 consistent answers on the same road to salvation

