#### 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



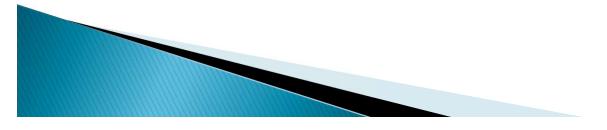
## Second Preaching Trip

- 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 <u>believes</u> & 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
  - $\,\circ\,$  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

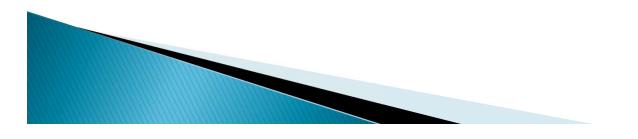
# The Philippian Jailer

- 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 imediately 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

