

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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Littleton Bible Chapel – David Anderson

Acts 16:19-40



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Scripture Reading: Acts 16:25-31

“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. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”



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Missions in the Midst of Unfavorable Circumstances (16:19-24).



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Rejoicing in the Midst of Unfavorable Circumstances (16:25).



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John Stott,

“...whenever Christian people come together it is impossible to stop them singing. The Christian community is a community of celebration.”



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Andrew Murray,

“Jesus never taught his disciples how to preach, only how to pray. He did not speak much of what was needed to preach well, but spoke much of praying well. To know how to speak to God is more than knowing how to speak to man. Not power with men, but power with God is the first thing. Jesus loves to teach us how to pray.”



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***Evangelism* in the Midst of Unfavorable Circumstances (16:25b)**



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1 Peter 3:14-17,

“But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.”



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Salvation in the Midst of Unfavorable Circumstances (16:25b)



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***Vindication* in the Midst of Unfavorable Circumstances (16:25b)**



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Philippians 2:9,

“who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”



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#1—The Model and Example of Authority in the Church.



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Joe Hellerman,

“Paul’s attitude toward his Roman citizen status forcefully exemplifies the apostle’s cruciform vision for authentic Christian leadership. Today, perhaps more than ever, we need pastors in our churches who, like Paul, view their status and authority as a trust to be employed—even set aside, in necessary—in service of their brothers and sisters in Christ.”



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#2—God Is Close to Those Who Suffer.



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Isaiah 43:1-3,

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”



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1 Peter 4:1, “Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking...”

Mark 8:34, “And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

2 Corinthians 4:10, “...always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.”



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Colossians 1:24, “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.”

1 Peter 2:21, “For to this you have been called {suffering}, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”

Philippians 3:10, “that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.”



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John 12:24-26, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”

Mark 10:42-45, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



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