

What Does it Mean to Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:16-34)

¹⁶ Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities. ²⁰ And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; ²¹ and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." ²² Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. ²³ And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ 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 chains were loosed. ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." ²⁹ Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized. ³⁴ Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household."

The word way "hodos" in the Greek means a road or path to get to a destination.

#1. Believe Jesus is who claimed to be (John 20:31)

- The Messiah (the chosen one of God) (John 4:25-26; Acts 2:36-38; 40)
- The Son of God (Deity) (Matthew 3:17; Acts 8:35-37)
- The Way of Salvation (Savior) (John 14:6)

Do you Believe Jesus is the Messiah, Son of God, and Way of Salvation?

#2. Believe what Jesus taught and commanded (Mark 1:1)

- Jesus' Gospel requires obedience to His commands and teachings (John 8:31-32; Luke 6:46)
- Jesus' Gospel requires repentance and faith (Mark 1:15)
- Jesus' Gospel requires you to be born again (John 3:3)
- Jesus' Gospel requires us to share His Gospel with others (Matthew 28:20)

Do you believe in what Jesus commanded and taught?

#3. Believe in what Jesus accomplished for you on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) (Romans 10:8-10; Acts 13:34-38; John 19:30)

Do you believe Jesus accomplished what we could not and His finished work saves us totally?