

ACTS

THE IMPACT OF REDEMPTION



ACTS 16:16-24

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ACTS 16:16-24 (cont.)

"I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice."

ACTS 16:16-24 (cont.)

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.



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DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12

There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD.





1 CORINTHIANS 14:33

...God is not a God of confusion but of peace.





ACTS 16:17-18

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ACTS 13:9-10

But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?"



“Satan will declare a hundred things that are true in order to dupe you with a hundred-and-first thing that is not. He knows that he cannot always get people to believe a lie, and the curiosity surrounding the visit of these men to Philippi was impossible to quell. But if he could get the people to believe something that was false, Satan would gain a foothold in this camp that he could exploit for his own advantage.”

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-5

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.



THE DANGER OF THEOLOGICAL CLARITY



JUDE 3

...the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.





ACTS 16:19

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JAMES 2:18

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.



THE THREATS AGAINST THEOLOGICAL CLARITY



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GENESIS 1:27

...God created man in his image, in his image he created him; male and female he created them.





THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FEET



ROMANS 10:13-15

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”





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