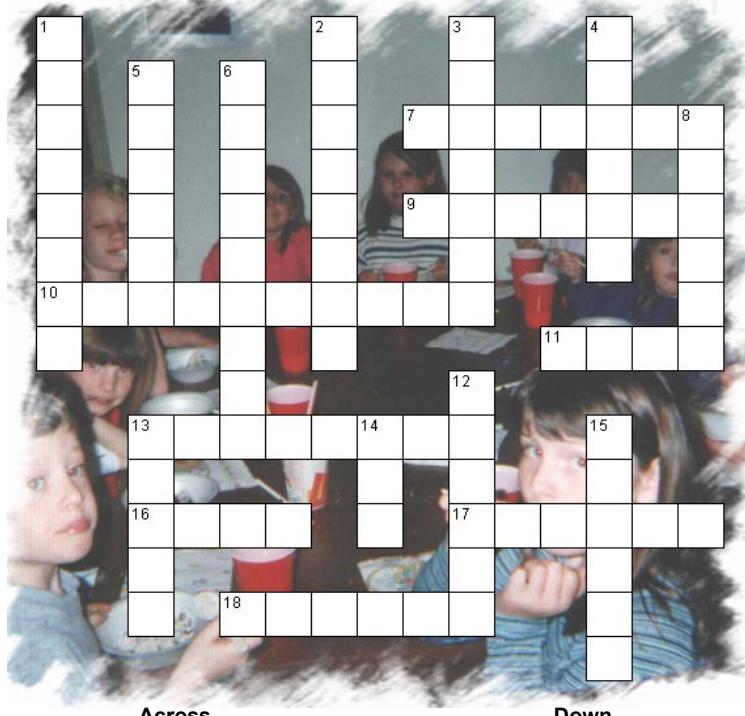


Crossword Puzzle



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7. At midnight Paul and Silas were _____ and began to sing praises...
 9. ...accused them of announcing unlawful _____.
 10. Suddenly, a great _____ shook...
 11. _____ and Silas...
 13. At _____ Paul and Silas were praying and began to sing praises...
 16. ...wrists, ankles and _____.
 17. ...every prisoners _____ were loosed.
 18. ...wrists, _____ and neck...
1. Lydia was saved and _____...
 2. ...announcing _____ customs.
 3. ...to her masters by _____ telling.
 4. ...put them into the inner _____.
 5. The _____ put them into the inner prison and put them both into stocks.
 6. ...you and your _____.
 8. ...Paul spoke the _____ to a woman...
 12. The _____ held their wrists, ankles...
 13. This girl brought much _____ to her...
 14. ...began singing praises to _____.
 15. ..._____, ankles and neck.

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God's Calling in the New Testament

- Lesson Nineteen -

In Acts – Lydia and the Jailer in Philippi

I. Overview.

God's calling and salvation are able to convert an enemy into a friend. It is able to change a harassing jailer into a beloved disciple. As Paul, Silas and Timothy were traveling and preaching the gospel, Paul received a vision. In the vision, Paul saw a man from Macedonia calling to him and saying "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Paul and his company immediately sailed from Asia Minor, across the Aegean Sea to Macedonia which is in Europe.

When they arrived in Macedonia, they came to a leading city named Philippi. There they met a woman named Lydia. Paul shared the gospel with her and the Lord opened her heart to receive the Word. Because of the gospel, Paul and Silas were put into prison. But God caused an earthquake to break the prison open and to open the heart of the jailer. The jailer was saved and baptized. This was the beginning of the church in the city of Philippi.



Paul received a vision of a man calling him over into Macedonia.

II. Memory Verse.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household."

(Acts 16:31)

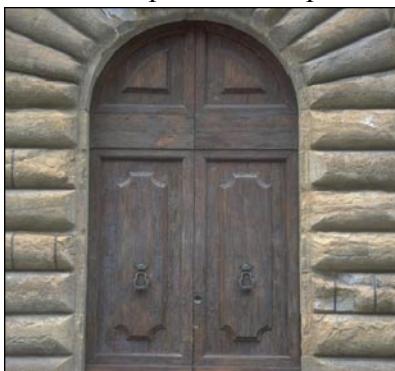
III. Lesson.

In Philippi, Paul spoke the gospel to a woman named Lydia. She was saved and baptized along with her whole household. Shortly afterwards a young slave girl who was possessed by a demon began to follow Paul around saying things concerning him. This girl brought much money to her masters by fortune telling. After she had followed Paul for several days, Paul cast the demon out of her. The masters of the slave girl were angry because they would no longer make money from her fortune telling.

Paul and Silas Thrown into Prison

The masters of the slave girl laid hold of Paul and Silas and brought them into the city. They brought them to the authorities and accused them of announcing unlawful customs. They people who heard rose up against them. The authorities ordered that Paul and Silas be beaten with rods and placed in the city prison. The jailer put them into the inner prison and put them both into stocks. The stocks held their wrists, ankles and necks securely.

At midnight Paul and Silas were praying and began to sing praises to God. All the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly, a great earthquake shook the foundations of the prison. Every door in the prison was opened and every prisoner's chains were



Paul and Silas were put inside an inner prison in stocks.

loosed. The jailer supposed that all the prisoners had fled, which would mean that he would be executed. He decided to kill himself with his own sword.

Paul, seeing what he was about to do, cried out "Do no harm to yourself, for we are all here." The jailer rushed in trembling and fell at the feet of Paul and Silas.

The Jailer Responds to God's Calling and is Saved

The jailer led Paul and Silas outside and asked them "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They told him "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Paul and Silas spoke the Word of the Lord to him and he was saved.

The Philippian jailer took Paul and Silas to his house and washed their wounds. Paul and Silas then spoke God's word to the entire household and they all believed and were baptized. The jailer then brought them back into his house and provide them some food. They all rejoiced together greatly.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Why did Paul and the brothers go to Macedonia?

2. Who was the first person that Paul met and spoke the gospel to in Philippi?

3. Why did Paul and Silas get put into the prison?

4. How did God get Paul and Silas out of prison?

