

# THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION

## *Acts 16:11-34*

According to Romans 1:16, the \_\_\_\_\_ is power of God unto salvation, yet often we refuse to use that power

### I. WHO WAS IMPACTED BY THE GOSPEL?

A. A God-fearing Lydian \_\_\_\_\_ *Acts 16:11-15*

- 1) She was from Thyatira in a region called \_\_\_\_\_, well-known for its purple dye—the Lydia lady
- 2) Paul met her at the riverside where Jewish women met to pray because there was no \_\_\_\_\_

B. A Demon-possessed \_\_\_\_\_ Girl *Acts 16:16-19*

- 1) She had a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit: according to myth Apollo had destroyed the snake and now embodied it
- 2) She started to advertise “the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim the way of \_\_\_\_\_”
- 3) Paul cast the \_\_\_\_\_ out of her in Jesus’ name; her owners dragged him & Silas to the magistrates

C. A Battle-hardened Roman \_\_\_\_\_ *Acts 16:23-34*

- 1) He was probably a retired Roman soldier used to hard men and having little human \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Paul and Silas were unjustly accused & \_\_\_\_\_ with rods, then thrown into his jail for safekeeping

### II. WHERE DID THE GOSPEL IMPACT EACH OF THEM?

A. The Lydian Lady Was Impacted at the Point of Understanding and \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) A God-fearer who believed in the one true God, she knew nothing about Jesus the true \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Lydia was saved in the “default” manner most are saved—by coming to understand the \_\_\_\_\_

B. The Slave Girl Was Impacted at the Point of Power and \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) She was oblivious to her spiritual condition & the gospel, when the power of God \_\_\_\_\_ her life
- 2) The gospel has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ not just from sin and death and hell, but in other ways as well

C. The Roman Jailor Was Impacted at the Point of Felt \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) He was trapped by circumstances and saw \_\_\_\_\_ as the only way out when Paul stopped him
- 2) What did he mean when he asked, What must I do to be \_\_\_\_\_? This word has broader meaning
- 3) Whatever needs people feel, the \_\_\_\_\_ is to make Jesus Savior & Lord: He will save in every way

### III. WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE GOSPEL IN EACH CASE?

A. The Lydian Lady Exercised Her Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and Helped Found a Church

- 1) The first result was that she was baptized: she pledged her allegiance to Christ & faced \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) She had financial resources and she made them available; the church probably met in her \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) You cannot have the spiritual gift of giving money if you don’t have the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ money!

B. The Gospel Struck a Blow against Human \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) There are more \_\_\_\_\_ in the world today than at any point in human history; 100,000 in our nation
- 2) Paul struck a blow against human traffickers: the power of the gospel tends to destroy \_\_\_\_\_

C. The Roman Jailor Completely Changed His \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) His treatment of Paul and Silas indicated that he had no problem with \_\_\_\_\_; it had been his life
- 2) Fruit meet for \_\_\_\_\_: he cleaned their wounds, took them home, fed them, comforted them