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**Acts 16:27-34**

**Salvation and Rejoicing**

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**The Philippian Jailer**

**Acts 16:27-30 (ESV)**

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. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- He wanted to avoid torture for allowing escape
- "Saved" means "rescued from serious peril"

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**Faith and Salvation**

**Acts 16:31-32 (ESV)**

And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

- "Believe" is imperative and "the Lord Jesus" must be the object of this faith
- (review) The Lordship of Jesus was proclaimed by Peter in Acts 2:22-36 with robust proofs
- The call to faith in Acts 2 led to the question, "what shall we do" leading Peter to the call to salvation (Acts 2:37-42)

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**Rejoicing in Salvation**

**Acts 16:33-34 (ESV)**

And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

- "Rejoiced" and its noun form are used 7 times in Luke/Acts, mostly linked to the coming or presence of Messianic salvation
- Luke implies that all involved heard the word, believed and were baptized

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**Rejoicing and Joy**

- Noun *agalliasis* – Luke 1:14, 44; Acts 2:46
- Verb *agalliao* – Luke 1:47, Luke 10:21, Acts 2:26, Acts 16:34
- CWSNT – "To exult, leap for joy, to show one's joy by leaping and skipping denoting excessive or ecstatic joy and delight. Hence in the NT to rejoice, exult. Often spoken of rejoicing with song and dance." [on verb form]
- "Exultation, exuberant joy." [on noun form]
- In Acts 2:25-28 Peter cited Psalm 16:8-11 which uses *agalliao*

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