

From Attraction to Obedience

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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.

Things Involved in Jailer's Conversion

- Saw the salvation in Christ exemplified in Paul & Silas
 - *1 Peter 3:15-16*
 - *1 Peter 4:12-16*
 - *Matthew 5:13-16*
- Understood the need for his own salvation
 - *Psalms 106:4-6*
 - *Acts 26:9-19* → *1 Timothy 1:15*
 - *Acts 2:36-40*
- Acted immediately to obey the gospel of Christ
 - *Mark 16:15-16*
 - *Romans 6:1-6*
 - *1 Peter 3:21* → *Acts 22:16*
- Experienced change brought by forgiveness in Christ