



FRESH ENCOUNTER

REJOICING IN DARKNESS

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“And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. 19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, 20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, 21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. 22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. 25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one’s bands were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.” (Acts 16:16-34)

INTRODUCTION

- soothsayer caused by spirit divination (demon possession - demon living inside person instead of Holy Spirit)
- Philp 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always & again I say, "Rejoice".

1. THE Suffering AT PHILIPPI

- A. Spirit of divination - demon(s)
- young slave girl
- B. Statement of deception - owners lied
- C. Social discrimination - Paul accused of being anti Roman
- D. Sentencing without defense - no trial
- Acts 16:38 Paul a Roman citizen
- E. Scourging and detention - in prison

2. THE Spirits OF PAUL AND SILAS

- A. They prayed - to God
- B. They praised - they sang

3. THE Salvation OF THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

- A. Hope in Jesus
- B. Household of joy - in believing in Jesus

CONCLUSION



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