

THE BIRTH OF THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH
DIVINE DIRECTION AND INSPIRED HUMAN RECEPTION OF THE GOSPEL
ACTS 15:35-16:34

I. PAUL IS DIVINELY DIRECTED TO PHILIPPI BY THE LORD (15:35-16:12)

- A. Directed through godly Desire (15:35-36)
- B. Directed amid Dissention (15:37-16:3)
- C. Directed in the context of continued Obedience (4-5)
- D. Directed through the Spirit's Restriction (6-7)
- E. Redirected through a Vision (8-12)

II. THE BIRTH OF THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH: A woman, a Jailer and their households *believe in the Lord Jesus* (13-34)

A. Birthed through divinely enabled response to the Word declared (13-15)

- 1. Paul declared the Word the women at the river (13)
- 2. The Lord opens Lydia's heart to respond to the Word and she and her household ***believe in the Lord Jesus*** and are saved (14-15)

B. Birthed amid Satanic opposition (16-24)

- 1. *Direct demonic opposition* initially guised as an alley (16-18)
- 2. *Outright opposition*: Paul and Silas wrongfully seized, beaten & jailed (19-24)

C. Birthed in the context of a right response to opposition and trials (25-34)

- 1. Paul and Silas are beaten, jailed, yet are praising Him publicly (25)
- 2. God greatly uses Paul and Silas' right response to opposition and a supernatural act to move in the heart of the Philippian jailer to ask the right question: "What must I do to be saved?" (26-31)
- 3. The jailer and his household ***believe in the Lord Jesus*** and are saved (32-34)