

# **“What must I Do to Be Saved?”**

**Acts 16:25-30**

## **Introduction:**

- A. Importance of the question.
- B. Implications of the question.
  - 1. Salvation is personal. (“I”).
  - 2. Action is necessary (“must ... do”).
  - 3. Questioner is lost. (“to be saved”)
    - a. Not saved from earthquake - already past.
    - b. Not saved from superiors - prisoners safe.
- C. The question is asked and answered in Acts for three kinds of people:

## **Discussion:**

### **I. Unbeliever (Acts 16:30-33)**

- A. The Jailer – asks as unbeliever.
  - 1. Told to believe. (v. 30).
  - 2. Told what to believe (v. 32; cf. Rom. 10:6-17; “Abner Abernathy”).
- B. The Jailer’s obedient faith. (cf. Rom. 1:5).
  - 1. He repented - evidenced by washing stripes.
  - 2. He was baptized. (v. 33).
    - a. Same hour. (shows urgency).
    - b. Outside house. (Not likely sprinkled).
- C. The Jailer’s rejoicing (v. 34)
  - 1. After baptism.
  - 2. “Having believed” (v. 34).
  - 3. Note: Believing and obeying sometimes used interchangeably. (Rom. 10:16)

### **II. Believers (Acts 2:37-39)**

- A. Pentcostians – asks as believers.
  - 1. Became believers (36-37)
  - 2. Asks question (v.37).
  - 3. Given answer (vv. 38-40; “save yourselves=still lost).
- B. Pentcostians response.
  - 1. Saved by baptism (v. 41)
  - 2. Added to church (v. 41, 47).

### **III. Penitent Believer (Acts 9:6; 22:10).**

- A. Saul – asks as penitent believer.
  - 1. Already believed (Acts 9:4-6)
  - 2. Already penitent
    - a. Acted penitent. (Acts 9:11)
    - b. Changed reason for going to Damascus.
- B. Saul was told what he must do. (Acts 22:16).
  - 1. Arose from prayer (9:11).
  - 2. Not saved on Damascus Road (cf. Acts 26:16-18)

## **Conclusion:**

- A. Answer depends on where one is on the road to salvation? Unbeliever? believer? Penitent believer?
- B. Where are you?