



## ***“The Gospel for Everyone” – Part 2***

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***Introduction*** – *The apostle Paul, Silas, Luke and Timothy travel to Macedonia to share the Gospel with people in the town of Philippi. Luke highlights three conversions that help us learn how to share the Gospel with different kinds of people.*

### ***I. Jailed for Jesus.***

- A. After the conversion of Lydia, Paul is harassed by a demon-possessed slave-girl.
- B. Paul frees the slave-girl from her demon and human masters in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C. The slave-girl’s human masters lose their economic profit they were receiving from the slave-girl and were furious at what Paul did.
  - 1. The slave owners turn the crowd in Philippi against Paul and Silas.
  - 2. The slave owners bring legal charges against Paul and Silas, and the authorities flog and jail them.
- D. Paul and Silas are thrown into the inner cell of the jail and held by chains.
- E. Paul and Silas begin praying and singing in their cell, being overheard by the jailer and other prisoners.

### ***II. The Jailer and Jesus.***

- A. The jailer was a secular, everyman.
- B. An earthquake opens all the doors in the jail, and all chains come off.
- C. Expecting the prisoners to escape, the jailer draws his sword.
- D. The jailer doesn’t care about a rational explanation of the Gospel, or a spiritual and emotional appeal.
- E. How the jailer is converted:
- F. What the jailer sees:
  - 1.
  - 2.
- G. The jailer’s response.
- H. Important lessons and principles we can learn about sharing the Gospel from these case studies.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

***Conclusion.***