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 Message: Chats of Cheer, Part Three: SALVATION IS SIMPLE, Acts 16: 25-40
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INTRODUCTION: This series of Bible studies is designed to help believers focus on some of the Biblical blessings of being Christians. It is also designed to share some of the personal blessings non-believers will continue to miss until they trust Christ for the redemption of their eternal souls. This series is necessary to offset the current cheapening of the Christian faith that majors on the individual and earthly investments more than on the Lord and eternal dividends.

The past studies are: *Be of Good Cheer and Forgiveness is Free*

The futures studies will include: *Acceptance is Arranged, Grace is Greater, Pardon is Possible, Heaven is Hopeful, Destiny is Determined, Prayer is Permissible, Rejection is Rejected, and Direction is Determined.*

SALVATION IS SIMPLE, Acts 16:31

And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved."

I. BEATEN BELIEVERS, Acts 16:16-24

- A. Because of prayer, 16
- B. Because of demonic oppression, 16
- C. Because of human cruelty, 16
- D. Because of financial prosperity, 16
- E. Because of spiritism, 17
- F. Because of financial loss, 18-19
- G. Because of social opposition to truth, 20-24

II. BECOMING BELIEVERS, Acts 16: 25-32

- A. Pre-conversion Condition, 25-28
 - 1. human witnessing, 25
 - 2. prayer, 25

- 3. divine activity, 26-27
- 4. personal assistance, 28

- B. Repentance before God, 28-32
 - 1. human response, 28
 - 2. intelligent information, 30
 - 3. divine/human co-operative, 31
 - 4. believing is man's part, 31
 - 5. saving is God's part, 32

III. BAPTIZED BELIEVERS, Acts 16:33-34

- A. Baptism followed believing
- B. Baptism was not infant baptism
 - 1. There is no evidence that infants were in the family.
 - 2. There is evidence that everyone in the family was old enough to personally believe the gospel.
 - a. They all heard and understood the gospel, 32
 - b. Paul and Silas administered the baptism, 33
 - c. All the family rejoiced and believed, 34

IV. BE A BELIEVER, BIBLICAL INVITATIONS

The following are some invitations used in the scripture to invite people to become believers: believe, faith, trust, and call, go through an open door, follow, eat as one eats food, come, etc.

Man's part in salvation is to respond to the gospel as an act of personal will, and God's part is to do the forgiving and saving. No one will ever need to worry about God carrying out what He promised to do when they come to Christ and ask for forgiveness.

God makes salvation simple and religion makes it complicated!

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