

## Questions on Acts chapter 16

1. What fact about Timothy renders it probable that he was already known as a public speaker? Verses 1-2.

2. Was it inconsistent for Paul to circumcise Timothy? Do you think Paul's action might be explained by 1 Corinthians 9:20-21? Verses 3-4.

3. What providential circumstance kept Paul in Galatia for some time, resulting in the establishment of more than one congregation? Verses 5-6. (See Galatians 4:13)

4. Why would it seem reasonable to preach in Asia (Ephesus) and Bithynia but why didn't Paul go there as he planned? Verses 7-8.

5. What happened at Troas that explained the object of the Holy Spirit in turning Paul aside from the field of his choice? Verses 9-10.

6. To what city did Paul go in obedience to the heavenly vision and what do we learn from the change from the third person “they” to the first person plural “we”? Verses 11-12.

7. Since there was no synagogue apparently, where did Paul and his companions begin? What power opened Lydia’s heart? Verses 13-14.

8. How was the baptism of Lydia implied in the previous verse? What false assumptions lead some to see this as a case of infant baptisms? Verse 15.

9. What do you know about the “spirit of divination” possessing the girl? Verses 16-17.

10. Why was Paul “grieved” by the by the actions of the girl and what came out along with the spirit? Verses 18-19.

11. Why didn’t the “masters” of the girl tell the real reason for bringing Paul and Silas to the magistrates? Verses 20-21.

12. What was unjust about the arrest and imprisonment of Paul and Silas? Verse 22.

13. Can you think of a time when Paul was in the very opposite position of the one he is now in? Verses 23-24.

14. Who heard Paul and Silas singing? Verse 25.

15. Why didn't the prisoners escape and why was the jailer going to commit suicide? Verses 26-27.

16. Why call for a light and why fall down before Paul and Silas? Verses 28-29.

17. What kind of salvation had Paul been preaching? What question shows the jailer had some conception of it? Verse 30.

18. What kind of faith does God require—a living faith or a dead faith? Why was a different answer from that given to Paul and the people on Pentecost? Verse 31.

19. What two things did the jailer do after hearing the word of the Lord? Verses 32-33.

20. When did the jailer and his house believe and rejoice? How is their conversion like all others in the New Testament? Verse 34.

21. Why were Paul and Silas to be released now when they were charged with treason the day before? Verses 35-36.

22. How did the magistrates violate Paul's and Silas' rights of Roman citizenship and what was Paul's demand to them? Verses 37-38.

23. Did the magistrates comply with Paul's demand? What was their request of Paul and Silas? Verse 39.

24. Where did Paul and Silas go after being released? Can we tell by the pronouns who stayed behind? Verse 40.