

How did he show a true repentance and renewal?
Why does salvation cause rejoicing?

Practical Teachings.

How does this lesson show—

1. That God permits his servants to suffer?
2. That when it is best he will deliver them?
3. That in the midst of persecution we may rejoice?
4. That even persecution may be overruled for God's glory.

Hints for Home Study.

1. Concerning conversion. It is (1) a turning from sin (Acts 3. 26). (2) A turning to God (1 Thess. 1. 9). (3) A translation (Col. 1. 13, margin). (4) A restoration (Psalm 119. 7, margin).
2. Its necessity (John 3. 3, 5, 6; Rom. 8. 11; Eph. 4. 23, 24; Acts 3. 19; Matt. 18. 3).
3. Its conditions (Zech. 1. 3; John 1. 12, 13; Eph. 5. 14; Luke 13. 24; Phil. 2. 12; Titus 3. 5; Hosea 6. 3; Matt. 11. 12).
4. Its evidences (Psalm 119. 165; Ezek. 36. 26; 2 Cor. 5. 17; 1 John 2. 3; John 5. 24; Rom. 13. 14; Gal. 5. 16, 25; 1 John 1. 6; 4. 12, 13).

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. In Prison, v. 19-25.

Who arrested Paul and Silas?
Why were they arrested? (See verses 16-18.)
Before whom were they taken?
What charge was made against them?
Who joined in the clamor against them?
What did the magistrates do and say?
What is said of the beating? [11. 25.]
How many times was Paul thus beaten? (2 Cor.
What command was given the jailer?
How did he secure the prisoners?
How did all this affect Paul and Silas?
What does Paul say of his treatment at Philippi? (1 Thess. 2. 2.)

2. At Liberty, v. 26-34.

What disturbance suddenly occurred?
What happened to the prison and the prisoners?
What was the jailer about to do, and why?
Who hindered him, and how?
What did the jailer then do?
What earnest question did he ask?
What was the reply? (GOLDEN TEXT.)
What more did the disciples do?
What did the jailer at once do for them?
What did they do for him and his household?
What further did the jailer do?
What was the cause of his joy? (Rom. 5. 1.)

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we shown—

1. The need of salvation?
2. The blessedness of salvation?
3. The way to be saved?

Home Work for Young Bereans.

See what other earthquakes are spoken of in the New Testament.

In what manner were the apostles delivered from prison in Jerusalem?

Find in what manner Peter was released from prison?

What other remarkable conversions can you find?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who were brought before the rulers at Philippi?

Paul and Silas.

What had they done? **Cast an evil spirit out of a slave girl.**

How had she earned money for her masters?

By her false arts.

What made them angry? **She would no longer do this.**

What did the rulers order? **To beat the apostles.**

Where were they then put? **In prison.**

What did the jailer do? **He put their feet in the stocks.**

What did Paul and Silas do at midnight? **Sang praises to God.**

What did the Lord send? **A great earthquake.**

What flew open? **The prison doors.**

Who feared that the prisoners would all escape?

The jailer.

Who told him that they were all safe? **Paul.**

Who came and fell down before Paul and Silas?

The jailer.

What did he say? **"What must I do to be saved?"**

What did Paul answer? **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."**

Who believed and were baptized? **The jailer and his family.**

Words with Little People.

FAITH IN GOD { Makes hearts glad in time of trouble.
Opens prison doors of difficulty.
Gives work to do for God.

Whisper Truth.

The Lord is my light.

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL NOTES.

General Statement.

The kindly welcome of the last lesson was soon followed by hostility. Certain remorseless men had purchased a slave, a poor girl bereft of reason and "possessed" by wild spirits. They exhibited her as a