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What Must I do to be Saved.

The caption of this article, which is a query by the Jailor of Philippi, with Paul's reply, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," is found in the 31st and 32nd verses of the 16th chapter of "The Acts of the Apostles," and by way of introduction to the cause of the query, the reply, and the result, it may be well first to inquire who were the different parties, and what were the circumstances in which each was placed, when this important conversation occurred.

The intelligent student of the early history of the Disciples of Jesus of Nazareth is aware that Paul, who loved to be called "The Apostle to the Gentiles" in the progress of his missionary career first preached the Gospel on the soil of Europe, at the city of Philipp, the seat of a Roman Colony, in what was then known as Macedonia now a part of Turkey in Europe.

Paul had with him as companions on this; tour Silas, a delegate from the

parent congregation of Jerusalem, Luke the beloved physician and historian, and the young and gentle Timothy.

As was the custom of the early Apostolic missionaries, these pioneers of the Gospel first preached the glad tidings to the Jewish part of the population, and here they did so at their meeting place, which was by the river side, apparently at some distance from the main part of the city, and a Jewess named Lydia, with some members of her family were the first to embrace "the faith" and her residence became the lodging place of the brethren while they remained in this city. Among those who heard the Gospel preached and were benefitted by "the Good news" was a poor lunatic slave girl, who had made money for her masters by practicing the arts of a fortune teller. Having ceased this practice, and resorted to the company of the Nazarenes, and as a consequence ceased to bring money to the hands of her owners, the latter became enraged, and made complaints to the Magistrates against the missionaries