
SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 2.] PAUL AND THE PHILIPPIAN GAOLER. [JULY 11.

Acts 16. 22-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.—Acts 16. 31.

MEMORY VERSES, 28-31.—But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Paul and his friends were very happy in Philippi for a while, and then trouble came. They had taken an evil spirit out of a girl who was a fortune-teller. This angered her masters very much, for they could no longer make gain by her fortune-telling. The rulers ordered Paul and Silas to be beaten with rods and then shut up in prison. They were put away down in an underground cell. Their bodies were bruised and bleeding, and they had no food to eat. Yet they kept cheerful and sang praises to God. One night an earthquake came that shook the prison, loosed the chains, and opened the doors. The gaoler was so frightened that he was going to kill himself, but Paul called to him, "We are all here." Then the gaoler came and fell down before Paul and Silas, crying, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Then the gaoler called his family to hear the Word of God also. They all believed and were baptized.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What happened to Paul and Silas in Philippi?

They were cast into prison.

2. Were Paul and Silas happy in prison?

Yes; because they knew God would care for them.