

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Our hope is that you have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.
If not, how can you?

The Bible teaches that it begins with **turning**.

We turn from our old attitude toward sin when we confess our sinfulness and our sins to God.

Sin is a terrible offense to God and separates us from a relationship with Him.

The Bible's word for this turning is "repentance."

We also turn to a new purpose regarding our sin. We resolve to demonstrate the "fruit" of repentance with a changed life.

But this relationship also involves **trusting**.

We trust in Jesus as the only One who secures forgiveness of our sins and eternal life through His death on the cross.

As our substitute, He received God's punishment for our sins.

Have you turned from your sin and trusted in Jesus?

Our hope and prayer for you is that you will say:

*"Jesus, You are my Savior.
I turn from my sins,
and I trust in You alone for the forgiveness of my sins,
and for eternal life.
Jesus, You are my Lord.
You have loved me and died for me.
I want to follow You and live my life for You."*

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The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision
is from the Lord.

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Worship Theme: *Our God Is In Control*

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

*“Blessed are You, O LORD,
the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.*

*Yours, O LORD,
is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.
Yours is the kingdom, O LORD,
and You are exalted as head above all.*

*Both riches and honor come from You,
and You rule over all.
In Your hand are power and might,
and in Your hand it is to make great
and to give strength to all.*

*And now we thank You, our God,
and praise Your glorious Name.*

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Invocation

Song "The Solid Rock"

Sermon Series:

Song "The Lion And The Lamb"

THE BOOK of ACTS

A Renewed Vision for the Church

Receiving New Member Keith Duncan

This Week: ACTS 16:6-35
Pastor Rich Hawkins

Testimonies of God's Faithfulness Psalm 78:1,4-7

Sermon Text Acts 16

*Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!...*

*We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD,
and His might, and the wonders that He has done.*

*He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,
which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children,*

*that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,*

*so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God.*

*And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia,
having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit
to speak the word in Asia.*

*And when they had come up to Mysia,
they attempted to go into Bithynia,
but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.*

So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

*And a vision appeared to Paul in the night:
a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying,*

"Come over to Macedonia and help us."

*And when Paul had seen the vision,
immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia,
concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

Song "Lord I Need You"

*So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace,
and the following day to Neapolis,*

Offering

*and from there to Philippi,
which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia
and a Roman colony.*

We remained in this city some days.

Prayers of the People

*And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside,
where we supposed there was a place of prayer,
and we sat down and spoke to the women
who had come together.*

*One who heard us was a woman named Lydia,
from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods,
who was a worshiper of God.
The Lord opened her heart
to pay attention to what was said by Paul.*

*And after she was baptized, and her household as well,
she urged us, saying,*

*“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord,
come to my house and stay.”
And she prevailed upon us.*

*As we were going to the place of prayer,
we were met by a slave girl
who had a spirit of divination
and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.*

She followed Paul and us, crying out,

*“These men are servants of the Most High God,
who proclaim to you the way of salvation.”*

*And this she kept doing for many days.
Paul, having become greatly annoyed,
turned and said to the spirit,*

*“I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.”
And it came out that very hour.*

*But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone,
they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them
into the marketplace before the rulers.*

And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said,

“These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city.

*They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans
to accept or practice.”*

*The crowd joined in attacking them,
and the magistrates tore the garments off them
and gave orders to beat them with rods.*

*And when they had inflicted many blows upon them,
they threw them into prison,
ordering the jailer to keep them safely.*

*Having received this order,
he put them into the inner prison
and fastened their feet in the stocks.*

*About midnight Paul and Silas
were praying and singing hymns to God,
and the prisoners were listening to them,*

*and suddenly there was a great earthquake,
so that the foundations of the prison were shaken.
And immediately all the doors were opened,
and everyone's bonds were unfastened.*

*When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open,
he drew his sword and was about to kill himself,
supposing that the prisoners had escaped.*

But Paul cried with a loud voice,

“Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”

*And the jailer called for lights and rushed in,
and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.*

Then he brought them out and said,

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

And they said,

*“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved,
you and your household.”*

*And they spoke the word of the Lord to him
and to all who were in his house.*

*And he took them the same hour of the night
and washed their wounds;
and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.*

Sermon Notes:

*Then he brought them up into his house
and set food before them.
And he rejoiced along with his entire household
that he had believed in God.*

*But when it was day,
the magistrates sent the police, saying,*

“Let those men go.”

And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying,

*“The magistrates have sent to let you go.
Therefore come out now and go in peace.”*

But Paul said to them,

*“They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned,
men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison;
and do they now throw us out secretly?
No! Let them come themselves and take us out.”*

*The police reported these words to the magistrates,
and they were afraid when they heard
that they were Roman citizens.*

*So they came and apologized to them.
And they took them out and asked them to leave the city.*

*So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia.
And when they had seen the brothers,
they encouraged them and departed.*

Song

“How Great Is Our God”

Benediction