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Acts 16:22-34

INT:

A. D. 53 date Paul began 2nd Missionary Journey. Silas. Thru Syria, Cilicia, Phrygia, and Galatia. Not Bithynia. Vision at Troas. 8-12. Go to Macedonia. Field is ripe! Every social strata influenced there: Top: Lydia. 13-15. Damsel. 16-18. Bottom! Jailer. 25-34. Middle!! Timid Christians need lesson of Sal. in Jailhouse!!!

Luke paints out:

1. The PLACE. Philippi. 10-12. Colony.
"Little bit of Rome". Roman laws, customs & religion.
2. The PROBLEM. 16+22. False arrest.
Curing a soothsaying-~~witch~~ led to deep trouble.
3. The INJUSTICE. 23-24. Scourging & prison.
Why his Roman citizenship was not revealed???
4. The OPPORTUNITY. 25-26. Romans 8:28.
Never penetrate idolatrous Roman soldiers!!!! ??
5. The PROSPECT. 27-30. His life in the balance.
Recognized providence of the Great God of all! 30.
6. The PRINCIPLE. 31. Same as it has always be
Heb. 11:6. Mark 16:15-16. John 8:24. Rom. 10:9-10.
Paul & Silas recognized Patriarchal system and
included his whole house. Assumed control!
7. The PROCESS. 32-34. Jailer was head of his house
Four times divine inspiration mentioned the unity
of the Jailer's family. 31, 32, 33, 34.

INV:

One of the greatest marks of a Great Father is what happens "to all his house."

A serious problem noted when all children not freely united "in the Lord". Should be matter of course.

Comments: FAMILY RELIGIOUS UNITY, one of the grand characteristics of the truly happy and well-balanced home today.

TAKES: Christian daddy. Chr. mother. Chr. sons and daughters.

LORD calls ALL THE LOST to Him this morning!!!