# **CONDITIONS FOR BEING SAVED**

## Acts 16:30

**Introduction:** I bring to you this message today which is not new to most of you, but because it is still greatly needed. Let me tell you about the circumstances that lead up to this question we will look at: *"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30* and to the answer we are given.

### Give the background of the imprisonment of Paul and Silas.

Give the "possible" conversation between Paul and Silas while in their jail cells.

Give the jailer's response to all that had happened and then his great question: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved."

# I. WHAT ONE MUST NOT DO TO BE SAVED:

- 1. One must not imagine that he/she has nothing to do.
- 2. One must not mistake what he/she has to do.
- 3. Do not say or imagine that you cannot do what God requires.
- 4. Do not put it off.
- 5. If you want to be saved you must not wait for God to do what He commands you to do yourself.
- 6. If you want to be saved, you must not wait for God to do anything for all He has already done all that is necessary on His part.
- 7. Do not turn to "things" you have heard.
- 8. Do not seek to find God's salvation through some easy self-pleasing way.
- 9. Do not think that you will ever have a more favorable time.
- 10. Do not think that you will ever find another time as good when you can be more ready.
- 11. Do not wait to see what others might do or say.
- 12. Do not have prejudices against God, His ministers or His Family (Christians).

#### II. WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BE SAVED:

- 1. You must understand what you have to do.
- 2. You must agree with God about your condition and turn to God for forgiveness.
- 3. You must give up to God the control of your entire life.
- 4. You must accept Jesus Christ as your only means of having eternal life.
- 5. You must live the rest of your life seeking to please Jesus Christ.
- 6. You must have complete, absolute confidence in Jesus Christ only.
- 7. You must surrender all that you have and are total self-denial.
- 8. You must believe what the Bible says about God the Father and His Son, Jesus. CONCLUSION:
  - 1. Do not wait, make up your mind right now, at once.
  - 2. Treat this great, eternal decision as you would any important decision.
  - 3. Do not make an excuse. You know what you must do, now do it.