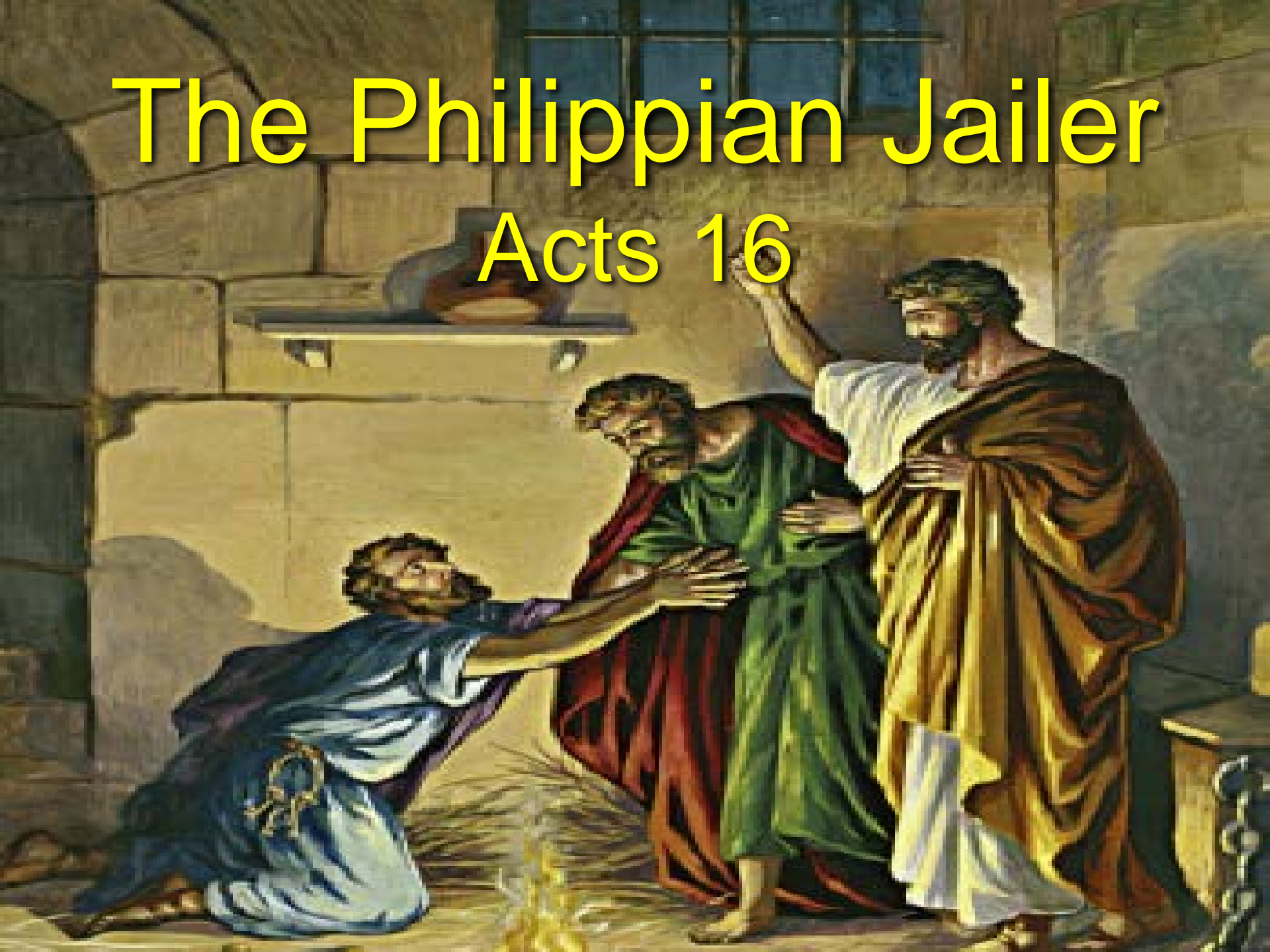


The Philippian Jailer


Acts 16





In New Testament, Christians Constantly In Jail


- Christianity's goal – *evangelism.*
- Evangelism's goal – *seek and save the lost.*
- Evil's reaction – *fight back!*
- Evil's motivation – *a product to sell.*
- And so – *Christians in jail.*



Joy of Christianity: What is going on inside, not outside.

*When you have control
of your head:*

- Pray when beaten? Yes!
- Sing when imprisoned and pilloried? Yes!



Joy of Christianity: What is going on inside, not outside.

*Three things to think about when
you are bloodied by the world:*

- You must be doing something right.
- You are not the one who is really in trouble.
- The enemy is not who holds the keys.



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Two life changing alterations:

- Violent earthquake brought hopelessness: “How can I take my life and end it all?”
- Loud voice brought hope: “What can I do to be saved?”



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- Our task is to make the hopeless realize that they are asking the wrong question.
- If you are helpless and hopeless, know that God is just waiting for you to ask the right question.



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- The help of the helpless and hope of the hopeless:

“Lord Jesus Christ”



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- “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved”
 - Repentance (change of heart leads to change of action) – vs. 33-34.
 - Baptism (immersion in water, stripes of sin washed away – Acts 22:16) – vs. 33.
- “He rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household – vs. 34.”**