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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 31

OPEN DOORS AND OPEN HEARTS

Come Over and Help Us: A Story of Changed Lives

(Acts 16:11-40)

INTRODUCTION:

"Such were some of you; **but you were washed**, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."

—1 Corinthians 6:11

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."

—2 Corinthians 3:18

"And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

—Romans 12:2

THE GOSPEL INTO EUROPE:

"So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days."

—Acts 16:11, 12

- In these three stories of the advancement of the gospel of grace into Europe, and in particular the city of Philippi, we will see highlighted God's _____, God's _____, and God's _____.

1A. THREE _____:

1B. A _____ Story (v. 13-15)

"And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled. **A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics**, a worshiper of God, was listening; and **the Lord opened her heart** to respond to the things spoken by Paul."

—Acts 16:13, 14

2B. A _____ Story (v. 16-18)

*"It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, **a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us**, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling."*

—Acts 16:16

3B. A _____ Story (v. 19-34)

*"When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, **commanding the jailer to guard them securely**; and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks."*

—Acts 16:23-24

2A. THREE _____ :

1B. _____ .

2B. _____ .

3B. _____ .

CONCLUSION: