

## Philippians Lesson No. 2 Answers

Q. Why did God permit Paul and Silas to be jailed?

A. To give them an opportunity to witness to the jailer who believed and was saved. The jailer then led Paul and Silas to his home where all the members of his household, heard, believed and were saved.

Q. Is it possible for a believer to experience abounding joy even in the midst of pain and suffering?

A. Yes. Paul and Silas were bruised and bleeding yet they were singing hymns. They understood the command - "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NASB).

Q. Why did Paul and Silas not spend their time whining and complaining about an unfair and unjust punishment?

A. They trusted God. They believed that the all wise God knew what He was doing. They believed that God was in control and therefore they were relaxed even in suffering.

Q. What's the main reason for their joy even in the midst of their pain and suffering?

A. They have their eyes on God, rather than on their situation. They trust God! Their joy stemmed from the fact that the Lord had counted them worthy to share in His suffering.

Q. What is the purpose of God's miraculous work while Paul and Silas were in jail?

A. To authenticate to the jailer that the peace of Paul and Silas were from God. It also provided Paul and Silas an opportunity to witness to the jailer. They did not run away thus saving the jailer's life. He saw that they were thinking of him and not themselves. The jailer knew they were from God and he too wanted what Paul and Silas had. He asked them the famous question "what must I do to be saved?"

Q. Why did the jailer respond to the miraculous work of God when the owner of the slave girl (in lesson 1) did not?

A. One was searching for God and one was not. The owner of the slave girl was only thinking of money. Without the demon the slave girl could no longer tell fortunes and therefore no longer make a profit for her master. In contrast the jailer saw that Paul and Silas were from God and wanted to be saved.

Q. According to Gamaliel, how many people have been successful in opposing God's plan?

A. NONE!

Q. How has this lesson impact your life?