

# God's Chosen Vessel

A Study in the Life of the Apostle Paul



## Lesson 3: Paul the Slave

Taken from Acts 16: 11 - 40

Paul was God's chosen vessel. This means God had a special plan for Paul's life, to use him for His purpose and His glory!

Paul wanted to follow God's plan for His life so he became a willing slave of Jesus Christ. A slave does what His master wants him to do, and a willing slave does it with a joyful heart out of love for His master.

Memory Verse-

"But thanks be to God, that though you were once slaves of sin...you have become slaves of righteousness." Rom 6:17a, 18b

*(Believing in Jesus Christ is like the key that frees us from sin. Find the hidden key on every page and let it remind you of the freedom you have in Christ!)*

Text by Nancy Cunningham, Illustrations by Rachael Coate.

The contents of this book may be photocopied or distributed without permission from the author as long as no cost is charged and the Basic Training Bible Ministries name is used.

Basic Training Bible Ministries P O Box 21773 Hot Springs AR 71903 USA [basictraining.org](http://basictraining.org)

Paul travelled to the city of Philippi and went down to the river where some women were gathered in prayer. He shared the good news of Jesus Christ with Lydia and she believed in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.



While Paul was in Philippi he was arrested for preaching the good news of Jesus Christ. He was beaten with rods and chained in an inner prison cell with a guard to watch over him.

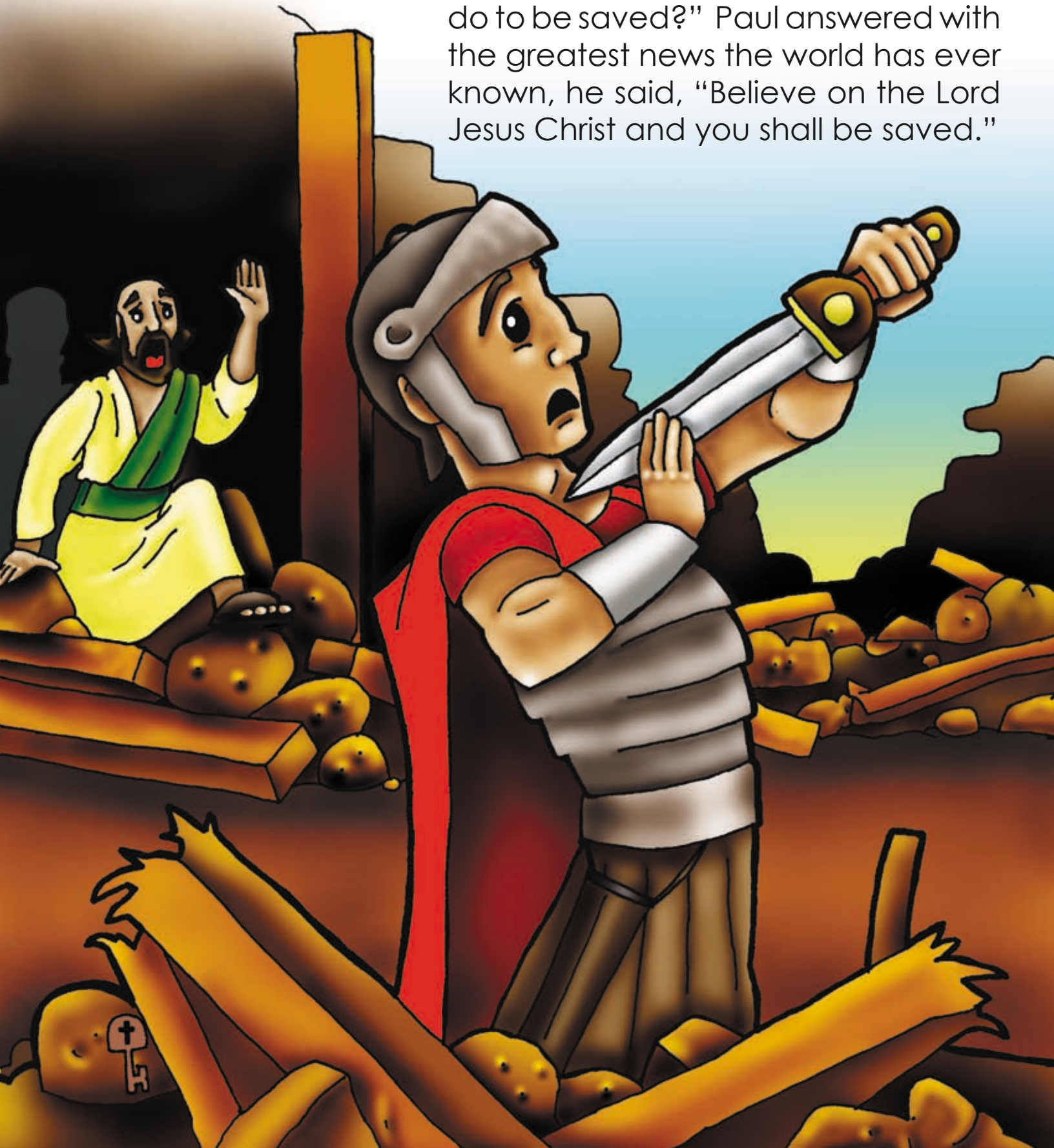


But Paul knew the joy that comes from being a slave of Jesus Christ. Even in prison Paul sang praises to Him!



Suddenly there was an earthquake in the prison and Paul was free! The guard was about to kill himself from fear but Paul quickly stopped him.

The guard asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul answered with the greatest news the world has ever known, he said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved."



The guard and all of his family believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and were baptized.



Paul soon moved on from Philippi but in his absence, Lydia, the guard and others formed the church that became known as Philippi. Paul later wrote the Philippian letter to his friends in Philippi sharing with them the joy of The Lord!

See what amazing things God did with Paul's life?





You are God's chosen vessel.  
This means God has a very special plan for your  
life, to use you for His purpose and His glory!

God wants you to be His willing slave here on  
this earth. Walk in the footsteps of Paul and obey  
Jesus Christ your Master with a joyful heart!

And see what amazing things God will do with  
your life!

