

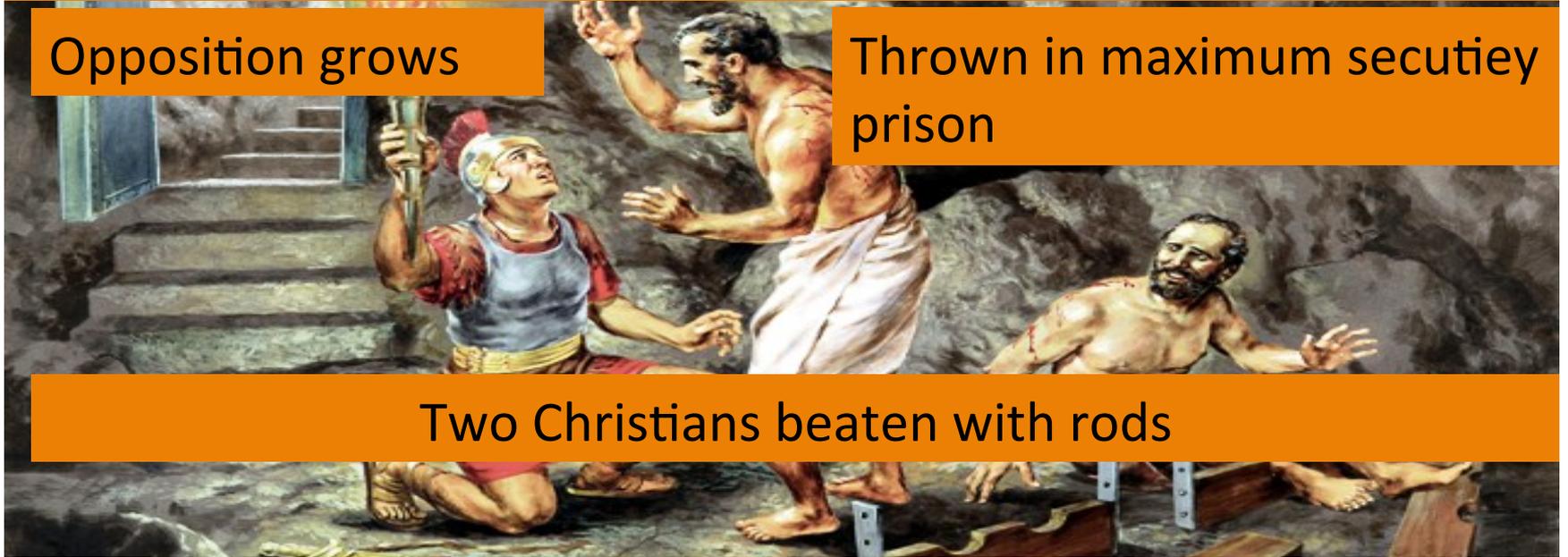
The Power of The Gospel – Acts 16:25-34

Two strangers in town preaching the gospel

Opposition grows

Thrown in maximum security prison

Two Christians beaten with rods



The Gospel Has The Power To Help Face Trials



Surely a time for
vengeance

Surely a time for
complaining

NO! It is a time for worship
– singing and praying – v. 25

Is it possible for us to face our trials with
singing and praying?

The Gospel Has The Power To Produce Faith

The prisoners were listening (even at midnight) to the singing and praying – v. 25



There is speaking, teaching, and admonishing to be done in the singing of hymns and in prayer – Eph. 5:16; Col. 3:16



The Gospel is to be preached and lived regardless of the circumstances and location of our lives – Mk. 16:16

The Gospel Has The Power To Produce Faith

Amazing circumstances often produce amazing opportunities! –
A great (mega) earthquake. V. 26

“...the jailer had been roused out of sleep and had seen the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was going to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.” (Acts 16:26,27).



“but Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm” for we are all here.” v. 28

The Gospel Has The Power To Produce Faith

No need for physical salvation – all prisoners were present.



The greatest question one could ask, “What must I do to be saved?”

Faith comes before salvation – Mark 16:16.



Hearing the word of God comes before faith or salvation – Rom. 10:17

“And they spoke the word of the Lord to him with all who were in his house.”

The Gospel Has the Power To Produce Repentance

Repentance is a change of heart and mind that leads to a change of life.

After hearing the word, the jailer “took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household.” (Acts 16:31-34).

Repentance comes before baptism – Luke 13:3;
Acts 2:38



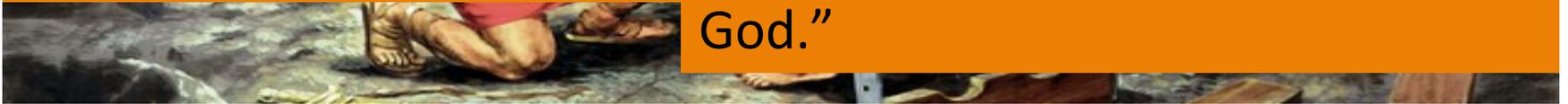
The Gospel has the Power To Produce Salvation

After being taught God's will and bearing fruits of repentance, the jailor and his household are immersed in water.

These are the same steps that Peter preached were necessary to receive the forgiveness of sins and the grace of God – Acts 2:38

Only after repentance and baptism did the jailer and his household rejoice.

Only after repentance and baptism do the scriptures say that the jailer and his household “believed in God.”



The Gospel Is God's Power – Romans 1:16

The Gospel has power to produce faith

The Gospel has power to help face trials

The Gospel has power to produce repentance

The Gospel has power to produce salvation

