

An aerial view of a city, likely New York City, with a dense grid of skyscrapers and buildings. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The text 'WAKE UP' is written in a large, white, brush-stroke font across the center of the image.

WAKE UP

THE JOY IN STARTING CHURCHES

Phil. 1:1-7

Phil. 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request **with joy,**

5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both **in my bonds,** and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

Mt. 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye **therefore**, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Evangelize

Edify

Educate

I LOVE MY CHURCH

Phil. 1:4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request **with joy**, ...

25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and **joy of faith**;

Phil. 2:2 Fulfil ye **my joy**, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. ...

17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, **I joy**, and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same cause also do **ye joy**, and rejoice with me.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all **gladness**; and hold such in reputation:

Phil. 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, **my joy** and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

Original Word: χαρά

Transliteration: chara

Definition: joy, gladness, a source of joy.

“Joy is the flag that flies on the castle of the heart when the King is in residence there.” Dr. John McArthur

• JOY IS A GIFT FROM GOD

Lu. 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you **good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.**

Psa. 4:7-8 **Thou hast put gladness in my heart...**for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

Psa. 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: **in thy presence is fulness of joy**; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

- JOY IS A GIFT FROM GOD THROUGH HIS SON

Joy is a gift from God to those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jn. 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, **that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.**

- JOY IS A GIFT FROM GOD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Joy is a gift from God to those who believe the gospel being produced in them by the Holy Spirit.

Gal. 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is** love, **joy**, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and **joy** in the Holy Ghost.

• JOY IS A GIFT FROM GOD THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES

True joy is a gift from God that comes to those who believe the gospel, being produced in them by the Holy Spirit as the believer receives and obeys the Word of God.

Jer. 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and **thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart**: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

• JOY IS A GIFT FROM GOD THROUGH STRUGGLES

True joy is a gift from God to those who believe the gospel, being produced in them by the Holy Spirit as they believe and receive the Word, or receive and apply it, and it is mixed with trials.

1 Thess. 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And **ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:**

7 So that **ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia:**

2 Cor. 6:10 **As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;** as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Jas. 1:2 My brethren, **count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;**

3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

• JOY IS A GIFT FROM GOD FOR SATISFACTION

True joy is a gift from God to those who believe the gospel, being produced in them by the Holy Spirit as they receive and obey the Word, mixed with trials, and set their hope on future glory.

Rom. 12:12 **Rejoicing in hope**; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

1 Pet. 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 **But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings**; that, **when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and **to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,**

• JOY IS A GIFT FROM GOD THROUGH THE SENDING

Rom. 10:15 And **how shall they preach, except they be sent?** as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring **glad tidings** of good things!

Acts 13:1 Now there were **in the church that was at Antioch** certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, **they sent them away.**

Phil. 1:1a “Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ...”

- The People – Paul and Timothy

Original Word: δοῦλος

Transliteration: doulos

Definition: (a) (as adj.) enslaved, (b) (as noun) a (male) slave.

Properly, someone who belongs to another; a bond-slave, without any ownership rights of their own. Ironically, *doúlos* ("bond-slave") is used with the *highest dignity* in the NT – namely, of **believers who willingly live under Christ's authority as His devoted followers.** <http://biblehub.com/greek/1401.htm>

Acts 16:1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, **behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus,** the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

•The Place -- Philippi

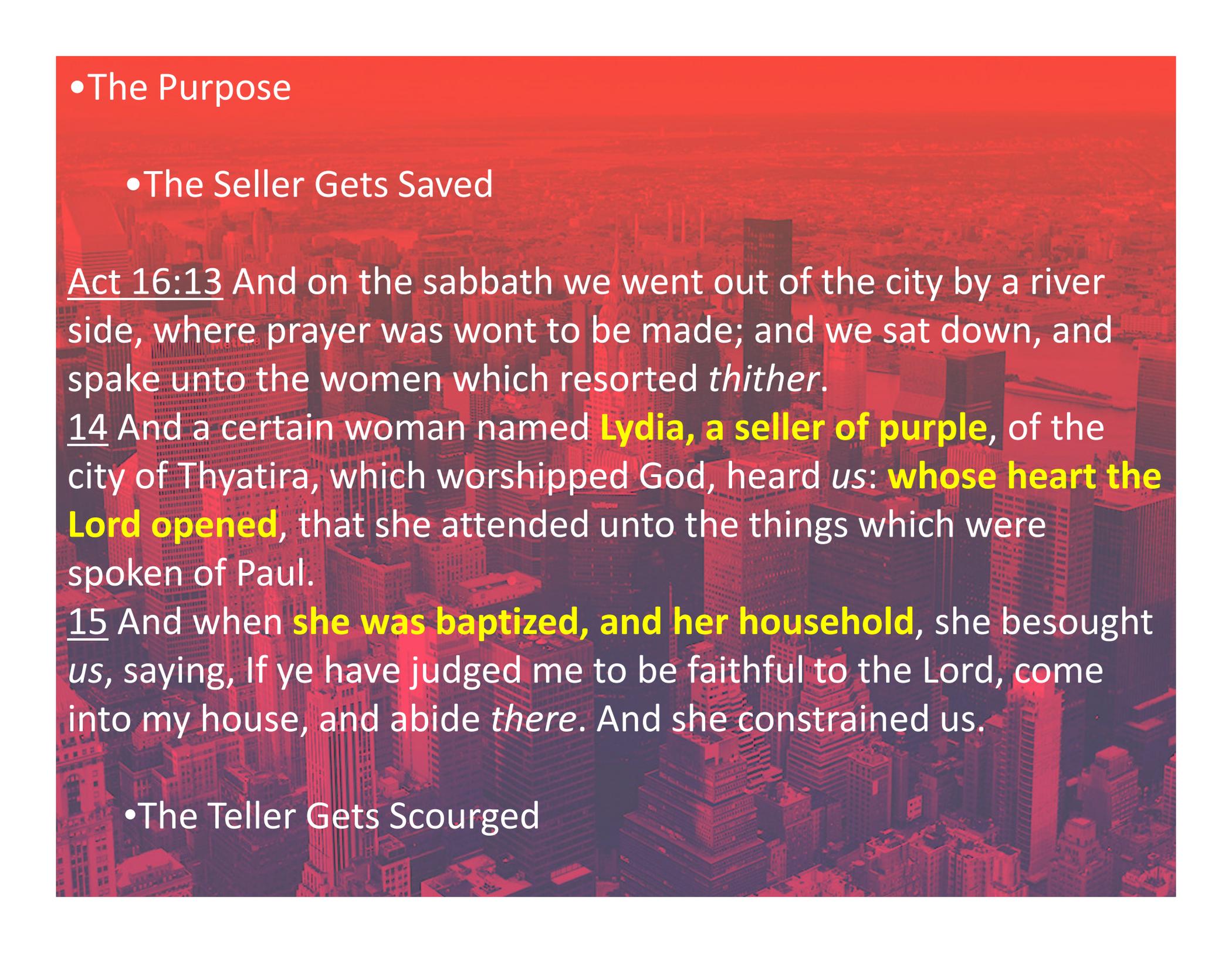
Acts 16:8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And **a vision appeared to Paul** in the night; There stood **a man of Macedonia**, and prayed him, saying, **Come over into Macedonia**, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, **immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia**, assuredly gathering that **the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them**.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next *day* to Neapolis;

12 And from thence **to Philippi**, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, *and* a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

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- The Purpose

- The Seller Gets Saved

Act 16:13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

14 And a certain woman named **Lydia, a seller of purple**, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us*: **whose heart the Lord opened**, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when **she was baptized, and her household**, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

- The Teller Gets Scourged

Act 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 And **when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone**, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

23 And **when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison**, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And **at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God**: and the prisoners heard them.

•The Jailer Gets Saved

Acts 16:26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**

31 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved**, and thy house.

32 And **they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.**

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and **was baptized, he and all his, straightway.**

34 And **when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.**

Conclusion

1 Pet. 1:6 Wherein ye **greatly rejoice**, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That **the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, **yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.