

Acts 16:9-24  
"Unashamed of Scorn"

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1. Introduction

- a. Scorn comes to Christians at some time or another
- b. Live unashamed of the Savior
- c. Scorn either gives you incentive to live for God or
- d. Four incentives from scorn

2. Reckons an Comparison (compare)

- a. Demon discerned Paul & his group
  - it knew who Paul was - Acts 16:17
  - it knew whom Paul served - God
- b. Servant's heart
  - Jesus took on form of servant
  - Philp 2:7-8
- c. Soul winning habit
  - it knew Paul's purpose
  - \* proclaiming way to salvation
  - \* Acts 16:17

3. Buries Concern

- a. Paul & Silas ministry
  - thrown into prison - Acts 16:23-24
  - beaten & persecuted
- b. Popularity not the goal
  - ministry to preach gospel of Christ
  - Paul not ashamed gospel of Christ
- c. Persecution guaranteed
  - 2 Tim 3:12 all who live godly
  - world hates Jesus of Nazareth
  - dead people don't retaliate Gal 2:20

4. Builds Confidence

- a. Denial of Pride
  - No boasting - James 4:6
  - At midnight Paul & Silas praying & singing - Acts 16:25
  - \* need more strength when our strength gone - 2 Cor 12:9
  - \* Christian sufficiency of God
  - \* Christians are mere branches Jn 15:5
- b. Duty of praise
  - praise that God knows Christian Problems
  - Content in whatever situation occurs - Philp 4:11
  - Give thanks & praise to God
  - \* Heb 13:15, 1 Pet 1:7, 4:11

## 5. Became a channel

### a. Heavenward response - Act 16:25

- prisoners heard them singing
- Christian basis of respect from others
- \* opens door of ministry to others
- \* Christians had different response different from others
- Jesus on cross
- \* "Father forgive them"
- \* Luke 23:34

### b. Human response - Act 16:26-27

- large earthquake destroyed prison
- jailer thought prisoners escaped

### c. Historic result

- but all prisoners still in prison, even with open door - Acts 16:28
- jailer was going to kill himself
- jailer, "What must I do to be saved?" - Acts 16:30

## 6. Conclusion

### a. Heb 11 Hall of fame of faith

### b. Heb 11:32 Old Testament heroes

of faith

### c. Heb 11:36 Many others not listed suffering difficulties

### d. Trials of Christian faith also bring future reward - 1 Pet 1:7