

*Celebrating Sacred Joy*  
*i.e., Supernatural Biblical-Spiritual Joy*  
Part 11

(Points I. and II. and all sub points see previous note sheets)

III. **Why** Is It Important for Believers to **Attain** and **Maintain** and **Manifest** Supernatural Biblical Spiritual Joy

[ Points A. through C. and all sub points see previous note sheets ]

D. Because It **Enhances** the **Quality** of One's Earthly Life and Spiritual Life cf Acts 5:29-42; 16:21-34; 2 Cor. 7:1-4; Philipp. 1:25; 4:4 cf 4:11-13; 1 Thess. 1:6; Heb. 10:32-34

1. The **Circumstances** of Paul and Silas at Philippi Which Most Would Deem to be: *Disappointing, Distraught full, Dismissal, Depressing, Devoid of Justice* cf Acts 16:16-40

[ Points a. through c. see previous note sheets ]

d. **Condemned** Unjustly, **Caned** Humiliated, **Cast** into Prison and **Confined** in Stocks cf Acts 16:22-24, 37

*“And the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off (is the translation of the Greek Word περιρήγυμι English Transliteration periregumi meaning to strip naked) their clothes, and commanded to beat them,”* Acts 16:22

*“And when they had laid many stripes (πληγῇ = English Transliteration plege meaning blows. These stripes, blows were not light taps or glancing blows. They were harsh, heavy, walloping whacks which cut, ripped, flayed skin and muscle tissue and could even result in death cf Ex. 21:20, Rev. 13:3, 12) upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely.”* Acts 16:23

NRSV Translates the verse: *“After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.”* Acts 16:23

*“Who having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.”* Acts 16:24

2. **Conspicuous Expression** of Supernatural Biblical Spiritual Joy Acts 16:25

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*“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them.”* Act 16:25

- a. ‘Prayed and Sang Praises,’ A More Literal Reading of the Greek = ‘Praying they were singing / praising.’ The Word ‘Prayed’ προσεύχομαι English Transliteration *proseuxomai* May Be the Most General of the Various Words Used in the New Testament for Prayer. The Word Is a Compound Verb Formed by the Greek Preposition πρὸς English Transliteration *pros* with the Basic Meaning of *toward indicating direction* Being Prefixed to the Verb εὔκομαι English Transliteration *eukomai* Meaning *Speak Out*; When Combined with the Greek Preposition πρὸς English Transliteration *pros* Literally Means *Speak Out to* and When Brought into the Language of Prayer the Greek Verb προσεύχομαι English Transliteration *proseuxomai* Conveys the Thought of Talking to God The Most Significant Thing in This Sentence is The Greek Does **Not Have** the Word ‘and’ Between *Praying* and *Singing* and that Greek Words (προσευχόμενοι) English Transliteration *proseuxomenoi* = *Praying* Is in the Present Tense Form and The Greek Word (ῥυμουν) English Transliteration *humoun* = *Singing* Is in the Imperfect Tense Which Means ‘*Praying They Were at the Same Time Singing / Praising*’
- b. Paul and Silas’ Manifestation of Supernatural Biblical Joy Was **Noticed** by **Others**: “. . . and the prisoners heard them.” The Word ‘Heard’ Is **Not** the Translation of the Common Greek Verb Meaning *to Hear* ἀκούω English Transliteration *akouo* but ἐπακροάομαι English Transliteration *epakroaomai* which Is Not Used Again in the New Testament nor Is the Word Used in the Septuagint and Is **Rarely** Used Extant Secular Greek Writings: The Word ἐπακροάομαι English Transliteration *epakroaomai* = *to Listen Attentively, to Listen Carefully, Listen to Closely, Listen to Intently, Listen to Thoughtfully, Listen to Meticulously*

### *Summary and Application*

1. **Praise of God** by Paul and Silas Was an Open **Manifestation** of Supernatural Biblical Spiritual Joy
2. When Life Seems to **Turn Dark** and
  - a. Pours Out **Mental**, **Emotional** **Embarrassment** Even the Degradation and Humiliation of Being Stripped Naked Publicly
  - b. Pours Out Harsh **Physical Sufferings**, Even the Unjust Infliction of Severe Pain on You
  - c. Socks You in the Gut by Snatching Away Your **Personal Freedom**

3. **Turn** Your Mind to **Thinking** upon **God**; **Actively** Calling to **Mind**
  - a. **Who** He Is
  - b. **All** He Has **Done** for You
  - c. **All** He Has **Promised** to Do
4. Actively **Keep** Calling Him to Mind and These Things to Mind until You Can **Delight** in Him
5. Actively **Keep** Calling Him to Mind and These Things to Mind until The **Joy** of the **Lord** Becomes Your **Strength** and to You Are **Praising** Him