

*Celebrating Sacred Joy*  
*i.e., Supernatural Biblical-Spiritual Joy*  
Part 9

(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

a. The **Confrontation** cf Acts 16:16-18

b. The **Charges** cf Acts 16:19-21

1) Were **Motivated** by Anger Because of the Loss of **Money**

*“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”* Acts 16:19

2) The Actions of the Owners of the Young Woman Who Was Their Slave **Described** Acts 16:19-20<sup>a</sup>

*“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, and brought them to the magistrates . . . . .”*  
Acts 16:19-20<sup>a</sup>

3) **Magistrates / or Chief Magistrates** Further Identifies the Rulers, Authorities of Verse 19 as Being στρατηγός = **strategos** holders of the Roman Political/Military office of **Praetor**; Men Who Were **Judicial Officers** with Broad and Nearly Absolute Authority in Civil and Criminal Cases, as Judges in Courts of Law and Were Responsible for Governing of a City / Territory under Their Jurisdiction, They Had Commanded over Troops That Might Be Stationed in the City or Geographical Area They Governed and the Responsibility for the Public Games

- 4) Were **Preceded** by Appealing to the Already Heightened **Anti-Semitism** of That to Time to Curry Popular Support

*“And brought them to the magistrates / chief magistrates, saying, These men **being Jews**, do exceedingly trouble our city,”* Acts 16:20

- 5) The **Actual Charges** Which Were Made Against Paul and Silas Acts 16:20<sup>c</sup> – 21

*“...do exceedingly trouble our city, and teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive neither observe **being Romans**”* Acts 16:20<sup>c</sup> – 21