Morning Lesson

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION Acts 16:30

INTRO:

- 1. Everyone is either lost or saved. Rom. 3:23; Eph. 2:4-7
- 2. Salvation is more important than anything on earth. Matt. 16:26
- 3. This question was asked four times in scripture.
- 4. Four different answers.
- 5. Let's look at each of these times the question was asked.

I. THE RICH YOUNG RULER. Mark 10:17-22

- A. He was accountable to the Law of Moses.
- B. He was looking for one great commandment.

II. THE DAY OF PENTECOST. Acts 2:37, 38

- A. These people were mostly knowledgeable Jews.
 - 1. Peter quoted Psalm 16:8-11. Acts 2:25-28
 - 2. He then explained what David meant. Acts 2:29-36
- B. Their belief is shown in their question.

III. THE CONVERSION OF SAUL. Acts 9:6; 26:13-18; 22:16

- A. Saul already believed.
 - 1. He recognized the Lord. Acts 9:5
 - 2. He had to see Christ to be an apostle. Acts 1:22
- B. He was penitent.
 - 1. He fasted and prayed for three days. Acts 9:9, 11
 - 2. I wonder if he saw Stephen's face.

IV. THE PHILIPPIAN JAILOR. Acts 16:30, 31

- A. He knew nothing of Christ.
 - 1. One cannot believe without hearing. Rom. 10:17
 - 2. Paul was the first apostle in Europe.
- B. Many people stop at verse 31.
 - 1. The washing of their stripes indicates repentance. Acts16:32, 33
 - 2. Obedience is the test of belief. Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8, 9

CONC:

- 1. Who is able to save each person? Who is willing?
 - a. God is able. Acts 20:32; 2 Pet. 3:9
 - b. Christ is able. Heb. 7:25; Mat 11:28-30
 - c. Holy Spirit is able. John 6:63; Rev. 22:17
- d. Each person is able. Acts 2:40; John 5:40 2. "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"