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THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

(Acts 16:25 – 34)

INTRODUCTION

Important question because it pertains to the soul; very valuable (Matt. 16:26).

Question only answerable in Bible: (2 Tim. 3:16-17) "scripture ... for doctrine ... instruction ... "

AN ANALYSIS OF THE QUESTION

"What" - an interrogative expressing inquiry; suggests need for information.

"must" - ought; required; imperative need or duty; indispensable item.

"I" - individual; me; each; one; personal.

"do" - to bring to pass; to carry out; something to be done.

"to be saved" - salvation is the object or aim of the entire question.

Summary: something / must / be done / by me / to be saved.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE QUESTION

1. That there are two sides to salvation: the Divine side and the human side (Eph. 2:8-10)
2. That one is lost: (Rms. 3:23)
3. That there is something to do to be saved: (Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46)
4. That the one asking is capable of being taught and receive an answer: (John 6:45)
5. That one must have a desire to be saved: (John 5:40; Matt. 11:28-30)

QUESTION IS ASKED 3 TIMES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

1. (Acts 16:30) "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Not told: 1) "There is nothing you can do; salvation is a matter of grace only."

2) "Do what you think is right, whatever you 'feel,' just be sincere."

3) "What difference does it make because one way is as good as another."

Was told: (v31) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved ... "

(v31) "they spake unto him the word of the Lord ... "

(v33) "was baptized"

2. (Acts 2:37) "... men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Not told: 1) "Wait for a 'Holy Spirit' experience."

2) "Since you've been 'pricked in the heart,' you are already saved."

3) "There's nothing you can do."

Was told: (v38) "repent, and be baptized every one of you"

3. (Acts 9:6) "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?"

Not told: 1) "Do nothing." 2) "Pray through." 3) "Do what you think best."

Was told: (v6) "told thee what you must do" (Acts 9:18; 22:16) "baptized"