The Most Important Question One Can Ask
Acts 16:30

Introduction:
A. There are many important questions in life.
   1. What career should one follow?
   2. What place should one live?
   3. Who should one marry?
B. There is no question more important than the Jailer’s question (Acts 16:30).
C. This question has several implied recognitions:

Discussion:
I. It Shows That One Recognizes That Salvation Is Needed.
A. He has been convicted of sin (cf. John 16:8).
   1. Of its meaning (1 John 3:4; 5:17)
   3. Of its wages (Rom. 6:23).
B. Here is the great weakness in today’s evangelism.
   1. Sinners are not saved because they are not made to feel lost.
   2. Christians do not really feel neighbors are lost outside of Christ and His church (cf. Eph 5:23).

II. It Shows That One Recognizes That Salvation Is Available.
A. Available only through the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-2).
B. Available only in Christ and His church (Acts 4:12; 2:47; Eph. 5:23)

III. It Shows That One Recognizes That Salvation Is Personal.
A. Condemnation is personal (cf. Ezek. 18:20)
B. Salvation is personal (cf. 2 Cor. 5:10 - “each one” - asv, nkjv)
   1. Not as a nation.
   2. Not as a family.
   3. Not as a church (cf. Rev. 3:4,5)
   4. But, not that each one may choose own personal way of salvation.

IV. It Shows That One Recognizes That Salvation Is Conditional.
A. If unconditional, then universal. (Cf. 1 Tim. 2:4)
B. It involves several conditions:
      a. Into Christ (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27)
      b. Into church (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:47).
   6. Maintaining salvation (Rev. 2:10)

Conclusion:
A. Are you ready to ask that important question?
B. Are you ready to respond to the answer?