



**Prayer, Peter and the Impossible
Why Prayer Is Needed Today
Acts 12**

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As we enter Acts 12, some time has gone by for the church in Jerusalem. Meanwhile, Roman politics has continued as before. A Herod is referenced here as King. There are too many Herod's, and you almost need a program to keep them straight.

This Herod is Herod Agrippa I, the grandson of Herod the Great (Luke 1:5); the son of Aristobulus; the father of Herod Agrippa II (Acts 25:13–26:32), Drusilla (Acts 24:24), and Bernice (Acts 25:13)...After



Caligula's assassination, Agrippa helped Claudius receive confirmation from the Roman senate as emperor. The new emperor added Judea and Samaria to Agrippa's kingdom. So, from AD 41 to 44 when he died, Herod Agrippa I ruled over a reassembled kingdom of the same size as his grandfather, Herod the Great. He was as loved by the Jewish establishment as his grandfather was hated. (Talbert 2005, 107-108)

Based on references in the text, it is most likely 44 AD and the time is near Passover.

The story is simple. What happens when the church prays? I mean really prays, as it once again enters into persecution.

Ever since Stephen was murdered 7 or 8 years prior, those in the church in Jerusalem have been wary of a repeat. Many have left town and moved elsewhere to be away from the Jewish leadership in the Temple.

The conversion of Saul ended the persecution which kicked off after Stephen's murder. Gentiles are now becoming part of the church and Antioch is rapidly becoming the new center of operations for the church. Barnabas and Paul are in Jerusalem with a gift to the church.

Into all of this comes the consolidation of power of Herod Agrippa, who made some decisions and sided politically with the right people in Rome. As a result, he is King and just recently added Judea into his area of rule with the approval of Rome. He was well liked by the Jewish leadership, and he was looking for a way to see his approval ratings rise in the polls locally in order to further cement his position which he has been in only since 41 AD. Here in the spring of 44 AD, just prior to Passover, he makes a couple of moves to improve his poll results within Judea. Remember, he is paranoid that he will lose everything, just as paranoid as his grandfather Herod the Great.

Acts 12:1-5

"Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church, to do them harm. And he had James the brother of John executed with a sword. When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter as well. (Now these were the days of Unleavened Bread.)

When he had arrested him, he put him in prison, turning him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending only after the Passover to bring him before the people. So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made to God intensely by the church." (NASB 2020)

Satan is now using a more direct tactic. Destroy the church by killing off the leadership. That is indeed what this is, the beginning of a systematic attempt to destroy the church using the grandson of the man Satan used to try and kill Messiah when He was a child in Bethlehem.

This particular tactic has never been disavowed by Satan either other than now he works to destroy the church from the inside by corrupting the leadership of many fellowships around the world. Yes, Laodicean churches are alive and well globally. But so are those churches who are faithful to the truth.

Politicians playing to the crowd is nothing new. It has been going on for thousands of years. In many nations today, if you want to get the people behind you, persecute and kill Christians or Jews.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Africa, Mozambique as well as the Democratic Republic of the Congo specifically. The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) states "That jihadist groups are in a position to take over not one, not two, but several countries in Africa – take over the whole country or most of several countries – is dangerous," Fernandez, a former U.S. diplomat, said. "It's very dangerous for the national security of the United States let alone the security of the poor people who are there – Christians or Muslims or whoever they are."



The Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP) also recently released several photos of their own documenting a July 27, 2025, attack against the Christian village of Komanda in the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Ituri province. Islamic State-affiliated soldiers opened fire at a Catholic Church and set fire to homes, stores, vehicles and possessions. At least 45 people were killed, according to MEMRI. The photos show burning facilities and the corpses of Christians.

...the goal of these jihadist groups is “eliminating Christian communities,” as they push down from safe havens and Muslims are “given a choice: ‘either join us or you too will face killing and annihilation.’ Christians, of course, are not going to be asked to join,” ...“Christians are going to be targeted and destroyed.” (Wallace 2025)

We have seen here in this nation, the same movement towards the marginalization of those who follow Jesus, and anti-Semitism is becoming a problem as well.

Yes, we are living in the last days, but as we see here in Acts, persecution and the murder of Jesus followers is not new.

Herod Agrippa I, being a consummate politician, was looking for a way to improve his position in Judea, a recently acquired charge from Rome, and of course, the Temple Leadership knew immediately what to recommend. So, he starts off with the arrest of some of the church to include one of the original disciples, James, the brother of John. Eusebius, the historian, gives us the detail quoting from a work of Clement.

He says that the one who led James to the judgment-seat, when he saw him bearing his testimony, was moved, and confessed that he was himself also a Christian.

They were both therefore, he says, led away together; and on the way he begged James to forgive him. And he, after considering a little, said, “Peace be with thee,” and kissed him. And thus they were both beheaded at the same time. (Eusebius of Caesaria 1890, 111)

Martyrdom was nothing new in the church, but this was the first Apostle to be murdered. The polls the next day provided Herod Agrippa all he needed to know. Why beheading? That too may have been politically as well as religiously motivated. The Mishnah Sanhedrin 7.3 tells us this.

“The religious requirement of decapitation [is carried out as follows]: They would cut off his head with a sword, just as the government does. (Neusner 1988, 506)

But if you read further in Mishnah Sanhedrin, you will come across this as well which may point to the why Herod Agrippa did this.

And these are those who are put to death through decapitation: (1) the murderer, and (2) **the townsfolk of an apostate town** [M. 10:4ff.]. (Neusner 1988, 602)

We already know that the leadership would have considered the church's table fellowship with uncircumcised gentiles to be potentially apostasy. So, yes Herod would indeed be appealing to those self-righteous individuals. Mishnah Sanhedrin also tells us this is approved.

The **townsfolk of an apostate town have no portion in the world to come**, as it is said, Certain base fellows have gone out from the midst of thee and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city (Dt. 13:14). And they are not put to death unless (1) those who misled the [town] come from that same town and from that same tribe, and unless (2) the majority is misled, and unless (3) men did the misleading. (Neusner 1988, 606)



Herod Agrippa, as did the Sanhedrin, liked to use religion as a cover to justify murder. This is not new and continues today as well.

Acts 12:3

“When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter as well. (Now these were the days of Unleavened Bread.)” (NASB 2020)

It is easy how the church would begin to see this as the beginnings of another reign of terror at the hands of the Sanhedrin, now using Herod Agrippa to do their dirty work.

“Many translations generalize the Greek term *tois Houdaiois* as “the Jews,” but it is better rendered “the Judeans.” This current situation takes place in Yerushalayim, so it references some of the city’s Jewish leaders of the city. It is not every leader in the city and certainly could not be every Jew in the Roman Empire! Sadly, many misread verses like this to mean the latter. Even more tragic is when anti-Semites use such twisted information to try to justify their animus toward all Jews.” (Kasdan 2022, 91)

No, the Jews did not kill Jesus, the leadership delivered Him up to the Romans and per the scriptures, the Romans were the ones who killed Him. There is no place for antisemitism in the church.

Acts 2:22–23

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a Man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—**this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.**” (NASB 2020)

What held Him to the cross was His love for us. Jesus willingly laid down His life (John 10:17-19) so that we would be redeemed.

Ultimately, all of humanity is guilty of killing Jesus. It was our sin that put Him on the cross. Because of our sin, God sent Jesus to save us. Humanity is both the cause and beneficiary of Jesus’ death. God can use even the wickedest of actions to bring about His perfect plan (see Genesis 50:20). Sinful people killed Jesus, but God used that unlawful killing as the means of our salvation. (Got Question Ministries 2014-2021)

Why didn’t Herod Agrippa attack the leader, Peter, first. He wanted to see what would happen and for him, it was a positive outcome.

As we read in the text, it is the time of Passover, the weeklong festival of unleavened bread is taking place so as he arrest Peter, he decides to wait until he can have the full attention of the folks there in Judea whose favor he is trying to curry. And with gentiles coming into the church now, this also appeals to the Jewish leadership as “divine retribution” for allowing uncircumcised followers in.

The Romans might prefer public executions to take place at festival seasons (like the execution of Jesus at Passovetide) to gain the maximum publicity, but Herod had regard to religious propriety. (Bruce 2017, AC 12:1-11)

The world, the enemy, taking notice of times of “religious celebration” is something that even continues on today. Just notice the events that take place all around the world between Thanksgiving and Christmas. How much of the world is really interested in worshipping the King and celebrating His incarnation, and how many go along for the ride.



The world would like to keep Jesus as a baby in the manger rather than as the King He truly is. It makes the rejection of accountability to Him more palatable to them.

Acts 12:4–5

“When he had arrested him, he put him in prison, turning him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending only after the Passover to bring him before the people. So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made to God intensely by the church.” (NASB 2020)

Holiday season in Jerusalem. Peter is in the slammer and is guarded by 4 squads of soldiers. These are not Roman soldiers but are those who are in the service of Herod Agrippa I. But this means there are sixteen men guarding him. In fact, they are so nervous about Peter and the believers in town that he will be always chained to two of the guards.

This would make it physically impossible to spring Peter from prison since you have this 24-hour guard taking place. Four on and 12 off with two of the four physically chained to him and a new shift every three or four hours.

Back at the house churches there in town, it was bad enough that one of the Sons of Thunder had been executed, now the leader of the church was in jail too. And everyone knows that since Herod Agrippa got a boost in the polls from the death of James, just think what the execution of Peter will do for him.

The church begins to pray for Peter.

We are not talking about the typical church prayer meeting we see in our culture today. What we are seeing here is something which was “common in those days but rare at times today occurs. The believers gather for a prayer meeting and actually use the time to pray. It is unlike many so-called “prayer” meetings where time slips away on trading needs and experiences, a time of teaching, then a brief snatch of prayer crowded in as a kind of after thought right at the end.” (Rosscup 2008, 1927)

Let me give you a preview of how important prayer is to us here at Calvary Chapel. We are here only because of prayer. As we prepare for a building to meet in, one of the things we want to do is provide times for us to pray together. There will be a time of prayer for the men as well as the women of the church. And at least once a month, we will gather together as a church to pray.

When the church in Jerusalem got together to pray, they prayed. Peter is literally, a dead man walking at this point. Locked up in prison, in chains, chained to two guards with two more operating as sentinels.

This is an impossible situation, time to pray.

Acts 12:5

“So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made to God intensely by the church.” (NASB 2020)

How intense is this prayer time? We look at the Greek for “was being made” and see that was is in the imperfect. This tells us that the action does not cease. Those who are calling on the Lord, have no intent to stop. This is continuing fervent prayer. We get that from the word translated “intensely.” That is the word ἐκτενῶς (ektenōs) which means “fervor, unflagging intensity; ektenēs, ektenōs, without ceasing, zealously, urgently.” (Spicq and Ernest 1994, 457)

The last time we saw that word in the New Testament connected with prayer it was when Jesus was in the Garden.



The church is praying and that word is all encompassing. They are praising the Lord, confessing sins, interceding for Peter and others who had been arrested, and on and on. This is labor for the church. For anyone who prays today, it is indeed labor. For the church praying for Peter, it is concentrated prayer with a focus on Peter who is in great danger.

It is also personal. As each voice individually rises up to the Lord, each person personally is investing in the labor of prayer to Him.

Corporate prayer is indeed also personal prayer surrounding what it is the Lord would have us pray for. I have learned that when we pray together as a group, it is intensely personal, intensely corporate, and intensely active. You know you are in the presence of the King as He descends in the person of the Holy Spirit and superintends us as we pray relying on Him to pray along with us as promised (Romans 6:26). This prayer has been going on for the better part of a week and God has been there attending.

Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.” (NLT)

Acts 12:6

“On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.” (NASB2020)

This is an impossible situation. There is nothing that anyone can do to save Peter. Only if the Lord moves in some miracle will Peter be saved.

Notice Peter, is he worried? Not really. He is sound asleep as he rests in the Lord. This is the same guy that fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane. Insomnia is not an issue for him, especially since he is resting in the Lord.

Acts 12:7–12

“And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near Peter, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter’s side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” And his chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, “Put on your belt and strap on your sandals.” And he did so. And he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.” And he went out and continued to follow, and yet he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. Now when they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. When Peter came to himself, he said, “Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.” And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.” (NASB 2020)

How soundly was Peter sleeping? Apparently, he was really sawing logs there in prison. Why do I say that, because of what the angel had to do to wake him up.

You are in a dark cell, boom, an angel shows up from the throne room and the light being reflected from that angel fills up the cell. The light does not wake him up. We have no idea if the angel tapped him on the shoulder or the head, but we do know this, “he struck Peter’s side.” Peter may have said it felt like the angel kicked him. Maybe.

The word translated struck is the Greek word πατάξας (pataxas).



The word means to strike a heavy blow, hit severely. (Kwok 2014)

This was no little love tap from the angel. This is a serious blow. Peter got popped in the side by an angel. That did the trick and woke him up and what does Peter hear from this strange glowing man in front of him, commands. No debate types of phrases, direct military like commands. The angel sounded like a gunnery sergeant.

“Get up quickly” – I remember the get up command. Immediately if not sooner.

Peter is awakened with a blow to the side, a rather significant one and as he is jerked awake, he is being commanded as if he is a recent recruit to the military. I can hear the trash can already being thrown to the floor with the command. And he is not really fully awake. As he stands up the chains fall off him.

Then comes the next command, “get dressed.” He does.

Here is the picture, he is not fully awake, he is being commanded by someone who just removed the chains. And everything is hurry up. Get moving. I suspect the angel is in his face too. Hurry up.

More commands, wrap up in your cloak, do it. And follow me. Hurry up.

So, half awake Peter is following the angel who is commanding him as if he is a recruit to the military and now leading him out of the prison. Peter is not quite sure that this is all real or a dream. But Peter is following, and they pass the two guards standing post at the door. The two guards do not see them and on top of that, when did they install a self-opening door in the prison. The door opened up all on its own. Who unlocked it. Normally this was locked from the outside.

No, really an automatic self-opening door, it “opened for them by itself.” The word here in the Greek is αὐτομάτη (automatē). Guess what word we get from this? Yep, automatic. It means “of things, self-moving, self-acting, spontaneous.” (Liddell 1996, 134)

Following the angel, Peter walks out onto the street and then suddenly, realizes he is all alone. And now he begins to fully wake up.

It hits him, God has just done the impossible, he is now free. Peter was in a situation that only God could get him out of, and God, in His sovereignty, did.

He is still in the business of doing the impossible and the miraculous today.

But wait a minute, why didn't he deliver James too? I am sure the church prayed long and hard for him too. Why wasn't James saved too.

First of all, God is sovereign. And then there is a prophecy from Jesus.

Mark 10:35–40

“Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do us a favor.” “What is your request?” he asked. They replied, “When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.” But Jesus said to them, “You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? **Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?**” “Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!” Then Jesus told them, “**You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering.** But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.”” (NLT)



“Without explanation, one apostle is executed but another is rescued, teaching the church to live with the mystery of God’s providence and to rely afresh in each situation on the mercy and continuing care of God (cf. 4:24–31).” (Peterson 2009, 362) James is persecuted and killed; John later is exiled to Patmos.

Acts 12:11–12

“When Peter came to himself, he said, “Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.” And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.” (NASB 2020)

Peter’s deliverance came at the last possible moment. He had been in prison for almost seven days or more, tomorrow was to be his execution, but God. Isn’t that just like the Lord, at the last minute, He shows up. But James, it was time for him to go home, but Peter has more to do.

In the face of the impossible, the church prayed, and God answered their prayer taking Peter from a highly secure prison cell to freedom in a mere matter of minutes. One angel did all of that to free Peter. I am reminded of another man who prayed, Hezekiah, and God intervened with a single angel who overnight destroyed 185,000 members of the Assyrian army and saving Jerusalem (Isaiah 37:36-38).

So, now Peter is free out on the streets of Jerusalem. He knows he must leave town and do so soon since Herod Agrippa will be looking for him very soon. Where would there be some of the church still up and praying at this time of day? Mary’s house, John Mark’s mother. So, he heads over to that home and bangs on the door.

Have you ever spent time praying for something, the Lord answers the prayer, and you just don’t quite believe it at first.

That is what happened to those praying for Peter.

Acts 12:13–17

“When he knocked at the door of the gate, a slave woman named Rhoda came to answer. When she recognized Peter’s voice, because of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate. They said to her, “You are out of your mind!” But she kept insisting that it was so. They said, “It is his angel.” But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened the door, they saw him and were amazed. But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, “Report these things to James and the brothers.” Then he left and went to another place.” (NASB 2020)

Peter is outside, knocking, inside, no one believes it is him, until someone opens the door to prove it and bang, there is Peter. He had to motion for them to keep quiet. He has to go into hiding now.

He gives them the whole story and tells them to let James, this James is the half-brother of Jesus, know as well as the rest of the apostles. And then he heads out to an undisclosed location. James is told because now that Peter is going underground, the leadership of the church would shift. We are not told where he goes but he will show up again in Jerusalem later at the apostle’s conference there (Galatians 2:9).

Peter is safe. What about those who wanted him dead. And what about the prison guards?

Acts 12:18–19

“Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers as to what could have become of Peter. When Herod had searched for him and had not found him, he examined the guards and ordered



that they be led away to execution. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and was spending time there.” (NASB 2020)

Losing your prisoner is not, in that day and age, a career or life extending action to be involved in.

At shift change the next morning, first the gate is unlocked and the two guards at the gate enter along with their replacements and those who will now be chained to Peter. But where is Peter.

The two guards are there, the chains are there, but Peter is not. Under Romans law, if a guard lost a prisoner, they would receive what the prisoner was to receive. In this case, it was death.

Herod himself ran the court of inquiry into the matter of the missing prisoner. That could include scourging.

Herod had done everything possible to prevent a repeat of what had happened years earlier when the Sanhedrin had imprisoned all of the apostles and then found them free the next morning teaching in the Temple.

Herod Agrippa examined the guards responsible for Peter and ordered that they should be put to death.

Actually the Greek text merely says “He ordered them to be led away.” But in the context of judicial proceedings the verb “to lead away” is synonymous with leading someone to the place of execution. (Krodel 1986, 222)

And here is the amazing thing, Acts 12 provides us the epilogue. What did happen to Herod Agrippa, the man who was used by Satan to try and destroy the church by killing the leadership. Divine judgment comes.

Acts 12:20–25

“Now he was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; and with one mind they came to him, and having won over Blastus the king’s chamberlain, they were asking for peace, because their country was supported with grain from the king’s country. **On an appointed day, after putting on his royal apparel, Herod took his seat on the rostrum and began delivering an address to them. The people repeatedly cried out, “The voice of a god and not of a man!” And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died. But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied. And Barnabas and Saul returned when they had fulfilled their mission to Jerusalem, taking along with them John, who was also called Mark.**” (NASB 2020)

Herod Agrippa travels to Caesarea after Passover, per custom and also to meet with the representatives of Tyre and Sidon who apparently had offended him in some manner, so they used a back channel, Blastus, to approach the King and meet to get back in his good graces.

Then we come to a festival day there in Caesarea in honor of Caesar Claudius. Josephus also provides background for us of what takes place next. Herod dresses to impress in his royal robes including one which has silver threads in it. Josephus picks up for us.

“...he put on a garment made wholly of silver, and of a contexture truly wonderful, and came into the theatre early in the morning; at which time the silver of his garment being illuminated by the fresh reflection of the sun’s rays upon it, shone out after a surprising manner, and was so resplendent as to spread a horror over those that looked intently upon him; and presently his flatterers cried out, one from one place, and another from another (though not for his good), that he was a god...Upon this the king did



neither rebuke them, nor reject their impious flattery...A severe pain also arose in his belly, and began in a most violent manner... Accordingly he was carried into the palace; and the rumor went abroad everywhere, that he would certainly die in a little time...And when he had been quite worn out by the pain in his belly for five days, he departed this life.” (Josephus and Whiston 1987, 523-524)

Herod Agrippa accepted the praise, did not stop the people from calling him a god, and was judged. He became worm food.

Acts 12:23

“And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died.” (NASB 2020)

Herod was nominal Jew, he knew better than to accept the comments of the crowd. He also knew better than to attack God’s people. He was King of a Jewish nation and now God would deal with him.

An angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory but instead was accepting of the accolades of the crowd making him into a god. His pride got the better of him. We are not told what kind of worms did him in, but it was a visible judgment of God.

Hebrews 10:31

“It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (NASB 2020)

So much for the man who wanted to destroy the church by killing off the leadership solely for political favor.

“At the beginning of the chapter Herod is on the rampage—arresting and persecuting church leaders; at the end he is himself struck down and dies. The chapter opens with James dead, Peter in prison and Herod triumphing; it closes with Herod dead, Peter free, and the word of God triumphing. Such is the power of God to overthrow hostile human plans and to establish his own in their place.” (Stott 1994, 213)

Acts 12:24–25

“But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied. And Barnabas and Saul returned when they had fulfilled their mission to Jerusalem, taking along with them John, who was also called Mark.” (NASB 2020)

Even in light of all that has happened. The death of James, the imprisonment of Peter, that did not stop the word of God from being proclaimed and the church continued to grow as a result.

We also see here at the end of Acts 12 that John Mark returns with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch. Apparently, they had been in Jerusalem with the gift to the church there while these events were taking place.

The gospel has spread to Judea and Samaria now. Peter opened the door to the gentiles, and this was further enhanced by the ministry of Barnabas and Paul.

Starting with Acts 13, it becomes all about taking the gospel to the rest of the planet. What begins here, still continues on today.

We began Acts 12 with a seriously impossible situation. It looked like the enemy was prevailing, yet by the time we come to the end of the chapter, that is not the case.



1 John 4:4

"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." (NASB 2020)

You see, spiritual warfare is real. At times we see it and feel it in persecution, and then there are those times we know it is there.

There is a battle going on right now for our minds. Herod Agrippa was nothing more than a physical manifestation of that battle, he lost.

Peter, sound asleep in prison, had the Biblical mindset about his circumstances. He was resting in the Lord. He knew who he belonged to and was sound asleep. It took a swift kick in the ribs by angel to get him moving.

How would you like to have that kind of peace where you can rest while everything the world trusts in is falling apart? You can.

Romans 3:21–24

"But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins." (NLT)

Romans 10:9–13

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."" (NLT)

ABC's of Salvation

- A. Acknowledge that you are a sinner, tell Him that.
- B. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sin and that He rose from the dead.
- C. Confess that Jesus is Lord. Tell someone about what you have done.



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