

The background features a dark teal color with several water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. A large, out-of-focus green object, possibly a glass or a container, is visible in the upper center. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

A NEW CREATION

ACTS 16 & GAL 6

LUKE 24:46-49

46 AND SAID TO THEM, “THUS IT IS WRITTEN, THAT THE CHRIST SHOULD SUFFER AND ON THE THIRD DAY RISE FROM THE DEAD,

47 AND THAT REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS SHOULD BE PROCLAIMED IN HIS NAME TO ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING FROM JERUSALEM.

48 YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS.

49 AND BEHOLD, I AM SENDING THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU. BUT STAY IN THE CITY UNTIL YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.”



GAL 6:14, 15, 18

14 BUT FAR BE IT FROM ME TO BOAST EXCEPT IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHICH THE WORLD HAS BEEN CRUCIFIED TO ME, AND I TO THE WORLD.

15 FOR NEITHER CIRCUMCISION COUNTS FOR ANYTHING, NOR UNCIRCUMCISION, BUT A NEW CREATION.

18 THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT, BROTHERS. AMEN.



ACTS 26:15-18

15 AND I SAID, 'WHO ARE YOU, LORD?' AND THE LORD SAID, 'I AM JESUS WHOM YOU ARE PERSECUTING.'

16 BUT RISE AND STAND UPON YOUR FEET, FOR I HAVE APPEARED TO YOU FOR THIS PURPOSE, TO APPOINT YOU AS A SERVANT AND WITNESS TO THE THINGS IN WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN ME AND TO THOSE IN WHICH I WILL APPEAR TO YOU,

17 DELIVERING YOU FROM YOUR PEOPLE AND FROM THE GENTILES—TO WHOM I AM SENDING YOU

18 TO OPEN THEIR EYES, SO THAT THEY MAY TURN FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT AND FROM THE POWER OF SATAN TO GOD, THAT THEY MAY RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND A PLACE AMONG THOSE WHO ARE SANCTIFIED BY FAITH IN ME.'



ACTS 15:36, 40-41

36 AND AFTER SOME DAYS PAUL SAID TO BARNABAS, “LET US RETURN AND VISIT THE BROTHERS IN EVERY CITY WHERE WE PROCLAIMED THE WORD OF THE LORD, AND SEE HOW THEY ARE.”

40 BUT PAUL CHOSE SILAS AND DEPARTED, HAVING BEEN COMMENDED BY THE BROTHERS TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD.

41 AND HE WENT THROUGH SYRIA AND CILICIA, STRENGTHENING THE CHURCHES.



ACTS 16:1-3

1 PAUL CAME ALSO TO DERBE AND TO LYSTRA. A DISCIPLE WAS THERE, NAMED TIMOTHY, THE SON OF A JEWISH WOMAN WHO WAS A BELIEVER, BUT HIS FATHER WAS A GREEK.

2 HE WAS WELL SPOKEN OF BY THE BROTHERS AT LYSTRA AND ICONIUM.

3 PAUL WANTED TIMOTHY TO ACCOMPANY HIM, AND HE TOOK HIM AND CIRCUMCISED HIM BECAUSE OF THE JEWS WHO WERE IN THOSE PLACES, FOR THEY ALL KNEW THAT HIS FATHER WAS A GREEK.



ACTS 16:6-8

6 AND THEY WENT THROUGH THE REGION OF PHRYGIA AND GALATIA, HAVING BEEN FORBIDDEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK THE WORD IN ASIA.

7 AND WHEN THEY HAD COME UP TO MYSIA, THEY ATTEMPTED TO GO INTO BITHYNIA, BUT THE SPIRIT OF JESUS DID NOT ALLOW THEM.

8 SO, PASSING BY MYSIA, THEY WENT DOWN TO TROAS.



ACTS 16:9-12

9 AND A VISION APPEARED TO PAUL IN THE NIGHT: A MAN OF MACEDONIA WAS STANDING THERE, URGING HIM AND SAYING, "COME OVER TO MACEDONIA AND HELP US."

10 AND WHEN PAUL HAD SEEN THE VISION, IMMEDIATELY WE SOUGHT TO GO ON INTO MACEDONIA, CONCLUDING THAT GOD HAD CALLED US TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THEM.

11 SO, SETTING SAIL FROM TROAS, WE MADE A DIRECT VOYAGE TO SAMOTHRACE, AND THE FOLLOWING DAY TO NEAPOLIS,

12 AND FROM THERE TO PHILIPPI, WHICH IS A LEADING CITY OF THE DISTRICT OF MACEDONIA AND A ROMAN COLONY. WE REMAINED IN THIS CITY SOME DAYS.



ACTS 16:13-15

13 AND ON THE SABBATH DAY WE WENT OUTSIDE THE GATE TO THE RIVERSIDE, WHERE WE SUPPOSED THERE WAS A PLACE OF PRAYER, AND WE SAT DOWN AND SPOKE TO THE WOMEN WHO HAD COME TOGETHER.

14 ONE WHO HEARD US WAS A WOMAN NAMED LYDIA, FROM THE CITY OF THYATIRA, A SELLER OF PURPLE GOODS, WHO WAS A WORSHIPER OF GOD. THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT WAS SAID BY PAUL.

15 AND AFTER SHE WAS BAPTIZED, AND HER HOUSEHOLD AS WELL, SHE URGED US, SAYING, "IF YOU HAVE JUDGED ME TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD, COME TO MY HOUSE AND STAY." AND SHE PREVAILED UPON US.



ACTS 16:16-18

16 AS WE WERE GOING TO THE PLACE OF PRAYER, WE WERE MET BY A SLAVE GIRL WHO HAD A SPIRIT OF DIVINATION AND BROUGHT HER OWNERS MUCH GAIN BY FORTUNE-TELLING.

17 SHE FOLLOWED PAUL AND US, CRYING OUT, “THESE MEN ARE SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, WHO PROCLAIM TO YOU THE WAY OF SALVATION.”

18 AND THIS SHE KEPT DOING FOR MANY DAYS. PAUL, HAVING BECOME GREATLY ANNOYED, TURNED AND SAID TO THE SPIRIT, “I COMMAND YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST TO COME OUT OF HER.” AND IT CAME OUT THAT VERY HOUR.



LUKE 10:19-20

19 BEHOLD, I HAVE GIVEN YOU AUTHORITY TO TREAD ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY, AND NOTHING SHALL HURT YOU.

20 NEVERTHELESS, DO NOT REJOICE IN THIS, THAT THE SPIRITS ARE SUBJECT TO YOU, BUT REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.”



ACTS 16:19-21

19 BUT WHEN HER OWNERS SAW THAT THEIR HOPE OF GAIN WAS GONE, THEY SEIZED PAUL AND SILAS AND DRAGGED THEM INTO THE MARKETPLACE BEFORE THE RULERS.

20 AND WHEN THEY HAD BROUGHT THEM TO THE MAGISTRATES, THEY SAID, “THESE MEN ARE JEWS, AND THEY ARE DISTURBING OUR CITY.

21 THEY ADVOCATE CUSTOMS THAT ARE NOT LAWFUL FOR US AS ROMANS TO ACCEPT OR PRACTICE.”



ACTS 16:22-24

22 THE CROWD JOINED IN ATTACKING THEM, AND THE MAGISTRATES TORE THE GARMENTS OFF THEM AND GAVE ORDERS TO BEAT THEM WITH RODS.

23 AND WHEN THEY HAD INFLICTED MANY BLOWS UPON THEM, THEY THREW THEM INTO PRISON, ORDERING THE JAILER TO KEEP THEM SAFELY.

24 HAVING RECEIVED THIS ORDER, HE PUT THEM INTO THE INNER PRISON AND FASTENED THEIR FEET IN THE STOCKS.



1 PET 4:12-13

12 BELOVED, DO NOT BE SURPRISED AT THE FIERY TRIAL WHEN IT COMES UPON YOU TO TEST YOU, AS THOUGH SOMETHING STRANGE WERE HAPPENING TO YOU.

13 BUT REJOICE INsofar AS YOU SHARE CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS, THAT YOU MAY ALSO REJOICE AND BE GLAD WHEN HIS GLORY IS REVEALED.



ACTS 16:25-26

25 ABOUT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING AND SINGING HYMNS TO GOD, AND THE PRISONERS WERE LISTENING TO THEM,

26 AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE, SO THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRISON WERE SHAKEN. AND IMMEDIATELY ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED, AND EVERYONE'S BONDS WERE UNFASTENED.



ACTS 16:30-33

30 THEN HE BROUGHT THEM OUT AND SAID, “SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”

31 AND THEY SAID, “BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED, YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD.”

32 AND THEY SPOKE THE WORD OF THE LORD TO HIM AND TO ALL WHO WERE IN HIS HOUSE.

33 AND HE TOOK THEM THE SAME HOUR OF THE NIGHT AND WASHED THEIR WOUNDS; AND HE WAS BAPTIZED AT ONCE, HE AND ALL HIS FAMILY.



PHIL 1:3-6

3 I THANK MY GOD IN ALL MY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU,

4 ALWAYS IN EVERY PRAYER OF MINE FOR YOU ALL MAKING MY PRAYER WITH JOY,

5 BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW.

6 AND I AM SURE OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION AT THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.



PHIL 1:7-9

7 IT IS RIGHT FOR ME TO FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT YOU ALL, BECAUSE I HOLD YOU IN MY HEART, FOR YOU ARE ALL PARTAKERS WITH ME OF GRACE, BOTH IN MY IMPRISONMENT AND IN THE DEFENSE AND CONFIRMATION OF THE GOSPEL.

8 FOR GOD IS MY WITNESS, HOW I YEARN FOR YOU ALL WITH THE AFFECTION OF CHRIST JESUS.

9 AND IT IS MY PRAYER THAT YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND MORE AND MORE, WITH KNOWLEDGE AND ALL DISCERNMENT,



PHIL 1:10-11

10 SO THAT YOU MAY APPROVE WHAT IS EXCELLENT, AND SO BE PURE AND BLAMELESS FOR THE DAY OF CHRIST,

11 FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, TO THE GLORY AND PRAISE OF GOD.

