

# Acts 16:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.

## Analysis

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'The keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.' The jailor, now a brother in Christ, delivered good news to Paul. The command 'go in peace' (Greek 'eirēnē') was standard dismissal language, but took on deeper meaning given the jailor's conversion. External peace accompanied spiritual peace.

## Historical Context

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The jailor's role shifted from guard to messenger of good news, paralleling his spiritual transformation. His relationship with Paul changed from captor/prisoner to fellow believer.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the gospel transform human relationships and social roles?
2. What does Christian peace mean in contexts of injustice?

### 3. How should we respond to deliverance from suffering?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀπήγγειλεν	δὲ	ὁ	δεσμοφύλαξ	τοὺς	λόγους
<b>told</b>	<b>And</b>		<b>the keeper of the prison</b>		<b>saying</b>
G518	G1161	G3588	G1200	G3588	G3056
τούτους	πρὸς	τὸν	Παῦλον	ὅτι	ἀπεστάλκασιν οἱ
<b>this</b>	<b>to</b>		<b>Paul</b>		<b>have sent</b>
G5128	G4314	G3588	G3972	G3754	G649
στρατηγοὶ	ἵνα	ἀπολυθῆτε·	νῦν	οὖν	ἐξελθόντες
<b>The magistrates</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>let you go</b>	<b>now</b>	<b>therefore</b>	<b>depart</b>
G4755	G2443	G630	G3568	G3767	G1831
πορεύεσθε	ἐν	εἰρήνῃ			
<b>and go</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>peace</b>			
G4198	G1722	G1515			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 15:33** (Peace): And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

**John 14:27** (Peace): Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.