THE CHRISTIAN AS A CITIZEN  
Acts 16:35-40

Introduction:

A. Paul and Silas had been arrested
   1) They cast out a demon
   2) Shut down a profitable business

B. They had been charged in court
   1) These men have caused a riot
   2) They have violated religious laws

C. They had been punished
   1) Beaten with rods - 40 save 1
   2) They had been imprisoned
   3) They had been placed in stocks

D. God freed them
   1) The earthquake
   2) The Jailor was saved

E. They are now declared "free"
   1) They refuse to leave!
   2) Why does Paul refuse to leave?

I. The Message From The Magistrates    Vs. 35-36

A. At the time of daylight    Vs. 35
   1) They sent the sergeants
   2) "Let these men go"
   3) How did the Magistrates know?

B. The advice of the Jailor    Vs. 36
   1) "depart" = exerchomai = "to go forth"
   2) "go in peace"
II. Paul's Affirmation of Citizenship  Vs. 37

A. The wrong they had suffered  
   1) "They have beaten us openly uncondemned"  
   2) "being Romans"  
   3) "and have cast us into prison"

B. The cover-up attempted  
   1) "and now do they thrust us out privily?"  
   2) "nay, verily"  
   3) "but let them come themselves and fetch us out"

C. The magistrates feared  Vs. 38  
   1) The Sergeants told the Magistrates  
   2) "and they feared"  
   3) "when they heard that they were Romans"

D. They did what Paul suggested  Vs. 39  
   1) "And they came and besought them"  
   2) "and brought them out"  
   3) "and desired them to depart"

E. Paul and Silas' deliberate action  Vs. 40  
   1) "And they went out of the prison"  
   2) "and entered into the house of Lydia"  
   3) They comforted them, and departed

III. The Christian and His Citizenship

A. I Timothy 2:1-3  
B. I Peter 2:13-17  Acts 4:19  
C. Romans 13:1-7