

Acts 27:27 – 28:6

INTRODUCTION: Paul's in a storm on a ship to Rome.

- God speaks to Paul – 27:22-26

27:27 – They were helpless ... God was their only hope.

27:28-29 – They were getting close to land ... it's DARK!

27:30-31 – Some try to escape overboard – 27:26

- SALVATION must be done GOD'S WAY ... JESUS!

27:32 – We need to “*cut the ropes*” to temptation in our lives.

27:33-34 – God will do His part ... they need to OBEY.

- God will give us the faith to trust Him – Ephesians 2:8-9

27:35-36 – Even in a storm, you can praise God.

27:37-38 – They try to lighten the ship.

27:39-41 – See God's promise in 27:26.

27:42-44 – If a prisoner escaped, they paid with their lives – 27:22

28:1 – “*Malta*” is a small island, South of Sicily, South of Italy.

28:2 – Sometimes the LOST are more willing to help - Galatians 6:2

- They were out of their “*Comfort Zone*” and saw God at work.

28:3 – God doesn't like lazy Christians – James 2:14-16

- Paul became a “*snake-handling*” Christian!

- “*Viper*” is a picture of Satan – Gen. 3:1, 2 Cor. 11:14, Gen. 3:14

- The “*serpent*” appears when a “*fire*” burns in our heart.

- Have you ever been Spiritually “*snake-bit*” in Church?

- If you don't keep adding “*fuel*” to the “*fire*”, it will go out.

- When the “*serpent*” won't let go ... turn to God for help!

- The “*serpent*” can't hold on any longer than God allows.

28:4 – People often form their own conclusions as to why bad things happen to us.

28:5 – Paul just went about his business, not saying anything.

- Paul claimed the promise of Mark 16:17-18 ... he didn't

PURPOSEFULLY pick up the snake!

- When bitten by the “*vipers*” around us ... “*shake it off*”.

- The “*serpent*” went into the “*fire*” – Rev. 20:10, 20:15

28:6 – People watch us, to see how we will REACT.

- Paul just goes about his business ... serving the Lord.

CONCLUSION: Paul remains faithful to God.