



Gateway To Life Bible Studies

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

LESSON 12

Please read Acts 27-28

Paul had been declared innocent of crime under Roman law by Festus and under Jewish law by Agrippa, but appeal had been made to Caesar and could not be cancelled. He must be sent to Rome as God had purposed.

1. How was Paul treated by the centurion? 27:3
2. What advice did Paul give the sailors? 27:10
3. How did the captain regard Paul's advice? 27:11
4. What led them to pull up anchor and sail? 27:13
5. What followed the "moderate/soft winds"? 27:14
6. Who controls the winds? Psalm 135:7; 148:8
7. What efforts did they try to maintain their safety? 27:17-19
8. What is bound to be the result when men drift without guidance? 27:20 **hope.**
9. What bold thing did Paul affirm? 27:21

10. What assurance was Paul able to give the men? 27:22

11. What testimony did Paul give? 27:23-24

12. What was the secret to Paul's abiding peace? 27:25
13. What did the men do in their impatience? 27:29-30

14. How long had they been without food? 27:33

15. What advice did Paul give? 27:34

16. What assurance did Paul add to that given in verse 24? 27:34

17. What appropriate thing did he do before eating anything? 27:35

18. What was the result of Paul's attitude? 27:36

19. What did they attempt to do in the morning? 27:40-41

20. Another obstacle emerges to keep Paul from Rome. What happened and who helped?
27:43

21. Where did they land after floating ashore? 28:1

22. What strange friends did God raise up for them? 28:2

23. How did Paul busy himself when he came ashore? 28:3
24. What was next attempt to keep Paul from Rome? 28:3
25. What effect did this have on the natives? 28:4
26. What did Paul do with the snake and what happened to Paul? 28:5-6a
27. To what extreme did popular opinion turn as a result? 28:6
28. Who became especially interested in Paul? 28:7
29. What blessing resulted from a shipwreck? 28:8-10
30. What type of people was Paul encouraged to meet in Puteoli and again in Rome? 28:13-15
31. How was Paul treated in Rome? 28:16
32. Who did Paul wish to speak with first? 28:17
33. From what Scriptures did Paul prove the claims of Christ? 28:23
34. How much of a chance did Paul have to testify? 28:23
35. What was Paul's parting words to these Jews? 28:25-28
36. What is the spiritual condition of the Jews in general? 28:27

37. What was offered first to Jews and then to the whole world? 28:28

38. To what subject did Paul stick to the very end? 28:31

According to extra-biblical historical records, Paul was liberated after a successful trial, and sent on other journeys, finally being put to death by Nero in the persecution that arose in A.D. 64. It was about that time he wrote his last letter to Timothy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The questions posed for the previous Study Guides don't work well in this section. For these remaining chapters on Paul's journey to Rome we will consider different discussion questions.

#1. Within God's dealing with people there is what we call His "prescriptive" will. You can obey or disobey and suffer the consequences of both decisions. There is also stated by theologians God's "decreed" will. This aspect to God's purposes cannot be thwarted. Nothing on heaven and earth can change it. God has decreed it. No storm, no threat of death, no snake can hinder God's decreed will. Whenever God's will is described in terms of *proorizo* /pro'oridzo/ (determining in advance) or *proginosko* (fore-knowing), or *proetoimazo* (preparing in advance) it is a reference to His decretive will. Read the following verses and describe what it is that will occur despite attempts to frustrate it:

1 Peter 1:17-21	
Acts 4:27-28	
Romans 8:29	
Ephesians 1:5,11	

#2. In Paul's relationship with both the Centurion and the natives of Malta he nourished among them a great respect. We sometimes forget the importance of living in such a way that garners the respect of the unbelievers whom we live with.

What are some practical ways that foster the respect of non-Christians, without compromising the Gospel, or Christian convictions?

#3. Take some time to pray for one another. Is any among you discouraged? God is sovereign. Is any among you fearful? Our God controls the winds and the waves. Also pray that we as God's people would not live lives that are a reproach to Christ among the friends and families we live with.

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