

GOD PROVIDENTIALLY DELIVERS HIS KEY WITNESS TO ROME (Acts 28)

- I. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1-7)**
- II. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, & SYRIA (8-12)**
- III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH (13-28)**
 - A. The FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul & Barnabas (13-14)**
 - B. The FIRST CHURCH COUNCIL in Jerusalem (15)**
 - C. The SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul (15:36-18:22)**
 - D. The THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul (18:23-21:16)**
 - E. The TESTIMONY of Paul from JERUSALEM to ROME (21-28)**
 - 1. Paul's Arrest & Testimony in Jerusalem (21-23)**
 - 2. Paul's Trials & Testimony in Caesarea (24-26)**
 - 3. Paul's Testimony on His Trip to Rome (27-28)**
 - a) Paul's Rising Credibility amidst a Sea Storm (27:1-26)**
 - b) Paul's Credibility Confirmed amidst a Shipwreck (27:27-44)**
 - c) Paul's Ministry to the Maltese and in Rome (28:1-31)**

1. The Lord _____ undertook for Paul by directing his ship to the island of _____, where the citizens showed _____ kindness to the 276 stranded passengers. (vv. 1-2)

- *What had the Lord promised Paul and what principle of the Christian life does this remind us of? (Acts 23:11; 1 Thess. 5:24)*

2. The Lord used the potentially _____ trial of being bitten by a poisonous snake to show the power of God and to provide a _____ opportunity to witness and to _____ God's messenger (Mark 16:16-20). (vv. 3-6)

- *How does this relate to modern-day snake handling?*
- *What did Paul likely do in response to them saying he was a god? (Acts 14:8-18)*

3. The Lord used Paul to heal the father of _____, the leading citizen of the island, along with many others, enhancing Paul's _____ as a witness by showing that he was a blessing toward citizens of the empire and not an insurrectionist. (vv. 7-9)

- *What does this say about being a light? (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:15-16; 2 Cor. 2:14-16)*

4. From Malta to Sicily to Italy, the Lord undertook with _____ provisions for Paul and company, along with encouraging _____ from other believers. (vv. 10-15)
- *What does this say about the church and the purpose of our Christian lives? (Rom. 12:4-5)*
5. Once arriving in Rome, Paul was kept _____ (v. 20; Col. 4:18) to a Roman soldier and under _____ for the next _____ (v. 30). (v. 16)
- *Whose prisoner was Paul in reality? (Eph. 3:1; 4:1; Philem. 1, 9, 23)*
 - *What did Paul do during this first Roman imprisonment? (Phil. 1:12-18; 4:22)*
6. Following the pattern set forth in Romans 1:16, Paul's priority once arriving in Rome was to meet with the Jewish leaders so he could testify firsthand that he was neither _____ nor _____. (vv. 17-19)
- *What was the real reason Paul was chained as a criminal awaiting trial? (v. 20)*
7. The Jewish leaders in Rome, surprisingly, had not received _____ reports about Paul and his case from fellow Jews, though they had heard that the _____ known as Christians (11:26) were _____ everywhere. (vv. 21-22)
- *Is there any historical verification of v. 22 from outside the Bible?*
8. Later, when many Jewish leaders met with Paul, he sought to _____ them from the _____ Scriptures rather than tradition. (v. 23)
- *What two things were the focus of his testimony to the Jews?*
 - *What was their response? (v. 24)*
 - *How did Paul conclude his testimony to the Jews? (vv. 25-28)*
 - *What is the significance of the last verse in Acts?*
 - *What happened to Paul after Acts?*