

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE CHAINS?

Acts 28:16-31

Summary:

1. Paul explained his **circumstances** (v.17-20).
2. The Jews of Rome expressed their lack of **information** (v.21-22).
3. Paul expounded the **gospel message** (v.23-24).
4. Paul elucidated the **rejection** of the hearers (v.25-27).
5. Paul exchanged his Jewish priority for the gentile **receptivity** (v.28-29).

So, what are **we** supposed to do with our chains?

- 1) Learn to **accept** the chains. Paul did.
- 2) Look for and listen to God **while** in your chains.
- 3) Look around at those who are in chains **with you** (Phil 1:12; Phil 4:22).

- a. If we will look up in our pain we will see **God** there.
 - b. If we will look around in our chains we will see the chains of **others**.
 - c. If we will look up in our problems we will understand God has given us a **platform** for sharing Jesus.
- 4) Learn to share the gospel at every **opportunity** (v.23, 30-31).

What will **you** do with **your** chains?

- Our chains are not a **surprise** to God.
- Our chains put us in circumstances **ordained** by God.
- Our chains don't hinder our witness; they **enable** it.
- This is what Paul did with his chains; what will we do with our **freedom**?

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