

# Paul Sails for Rome

Acts 27:1-28:16

**PART TWO: 27:20-26**

**Introduction**

**v20**

**v21**

**v22**

**Compare the OT storm-tossed seafaring story of Jonah to Paul's**

*The difference? Faith, Mercy, Humility, Love, and Possession leads to willing Submission and Obedience.*

Only "faith working through love" "counts for anything" Galatians 5:6

**v23** *For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship,  
"the God to whom I belong"*

Paul introduces these heathens to "the God" who is both imminent and transcendent.

Paul enjoyed the intimacy of personal possession by "the God" over all His creation.

Psalm 100:3

**God's Intention with His Treasured Possession**

Zechariah 13:9

Though we cannot see Him while He works, and though we do not understand *how* He works, still He works in those He loves, those who belong to Him.

In this, we can be certain. In this truth we must trust.

Job 23:8-10

Psalm 139:5-6

Job 23:11-14

Titus 2:14

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Paul knew that he would never have given himself up to God if God had not given Himself up for him.

**The way our Creator who is Spirit gains possession of His physical/spiritual creatures is by *love*.**

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19.

The reciprocal nature of divine love.

Jeremiah 24:7; cp 31:33; 32:38

**“the God...whom I worship” v23**

Literally, ‘the service of a worshiper.’ Not that of a slave, but of a *priest*.

**‘The service of a worshiper.’**

That is the life to be rendered to God by every Christian.

**What would people think of our profession of faith in Jesus Christ if...**

- we shrivel up in abject fear when bad news comes, or something unexpected happens?
- we explode in anger, or whine and complain over sudden unpleasant circumstances, or unwarranted bad treatment from others?
- we lie, cheat, or steal, or if we’re lazy, selfish, or self-indulgent?
- we are worrisome, fussing, doubting, or dithering over our present circumstances or the future?

Should a Christian who can say, ‘I belong to God’ ever worry about danger, damage, or deprivation?

2 Timothy 1:12

**v24 v25 v26**

It is the will of God that Paul must preach the gospel in the heart of the Roman empire.

Isaiah 44:7-8

44:9-11

Isaiah 48:3

Paul reveals what accounts for his peaceful, calm, and confident demeanor – his unshakeable *faith in God*.