

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) 28:2 Anyone not speaking the language of the “social elite” class were considered “barbarians.”
- 2) 28:3 In the midst of all the survival efforts going on, Paul (an aged man) did not hesitate to assist in gathering up wood to feed the fire. No task is too small for followers of God.
- 3) 28:4 Because of the presence of the Roman guards, the islanders concluded that Paul was a serious criminal.
- 4) 28:4 The islanders had a clear sense of right and wrong; they “...show the work of the Law written in their heart...” (Romans 2:15).
- 5) God can justly judge those who never hear the Gospel because they fail to keep the moral standards they impose on others (Romans 2:1, 11-12, 14-15).
- 6) 28:6 By this miracle, attention was instantly fixed on Paul, and a way was opened for a free communication of the Gospel.
- 7) 28:8-9 The purpose of miracles is always to authenticate God’s messenger and message.
- 8) 28:14 It was a long and grueling route to Rome: angry mobs, near scourging, endless legal proceedings, two years in prison, the fury of the sea, and a fourth shipwreck.
- 9) 28:15 Paul was deeply moved by and took courage from the Christians’ demonstration of love for him.
- 10) 28:16 Still under custody and in chains, Paul was granted liberty and was free to bear witness to the Gospel.

11) Every occurrence in the life of a Christian, however adverse to the senses, works for the present and eternal good of God’s people.

**Echidna** (ekh'-id-nah) an *adder*, poisonous snake (literal) :- viper

Test yourself; **is God doing more in your life than you realize?**

- Does the Bible make more sense to you today?
- Do you have a deeper desire to understand the things of God and an increasing desire to spend time in His Word?
- Have you seen the Spirit of Praise in your life; filling your heart and mouth with worship?
- Have you seen the Spirit of obedience at work subduing sin?

These are a few of the evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

**TODAY’S SONGS**

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