

**Part 21 – August 30, 2009**

**"Rome at Last"**

**Acts 27-28**

**Danger and deliverance (27:1-44)**

**v. 1-13** – The voice of wisdom ignored

- 276 passengers including Paul, Luke, and Aristarchus (**Acts 19:29; 20:4; Philem. 24; Col. 4:10**)

**v. 14-26** – The voice of correction and encouragement

- Paul's warning comes to pass
- Once again, God's man, a prisoner of Rome (**Eph. 4:1**), is God's instrument of deliverance and safety

**v. 27-44** – The voice of instruction

- Weather verses the Word
  
- Perseverance in the "ship"

**Matt. 24:13; 1 Cor. 1:8-9; Ps. 23:4; John 15:8, 14**

**The Closing Scenes (28:1-31)**

**v. 1-10** – Ministry on Malta

- Role of signs & wonders – not to save but to authenticate

**v. 11-16** – Rome at last

- "House arrest"
  
- Writing of **Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, & Philemon**

**v. 17-29** – Paul's final defense

**v. 30-31-29** – Closing information

**The End of the Story?**

- We know that Paul, as he expected (**Phil. 1:25-26**), was released and continued his ministry for several more years, during which time he wrote **1&2 Timothy** and **Titus**.

### What have we learned from Acts?

1. God's persistent purpose as stated in \_\_\_\_\_, the display of His glory in His people, will be realized no matter circumstances or opposition (**Rom. 8:38-39**).
2. God's persistent purpose is being achieved by \_\_\_\_\_ as He announces and applies the Word of God (**Eph. 6:17**) to the minds and hearts of His people for them to believe the Gospel (**Ez. 36:26-27**).
3. God's persistent purpose will be unsuccessfully resisted by the cosmic forces of evil (**Matt. 16:18; John 16:33**).
4. God's persistent purpose has already been accomplished through the victorious \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
5. God's persistent purpose is being worked out in the church \_\_\_\_\_ as we wage war.