

Allen Temple Baptist Church
Sunday School Live 

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Sunday School Fall Quarter 2022

Theme: A Living Faith Unit III

Theme: What Does Faith Cost.

Text Acts 28: 1- 10

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RESOURCES

Study Guides

[Precepts digital.com](https://preceptsdigital.com) for online Bible Study

[Precepts for Living 2022-2023 | Physical book](#)

www.allen-temple.org News: SS Lessons/Outlines

Tools for Growth in The Word: A Comparative Study Bible & Dictionary. Ex: Unger Macarthur, Strongs, Holman, Zondervan, Etc. Print and/or Illustrated.

Acts 28: 1-10 | Lesson Aims

LEARN



How Paul helped people on the island of Malta.

APPRECIATE



How (believers and unbelievers) aid & minister to us.

LIVE

To minister with faith to assist others in need when necessary.

LESSON OUTLINES

- 1. The Welcome (Acts 28:1-3)**
- 2. The Judgement (Acts 28:4-6)**
- 3. Ministry & Healing (Acts 28:7-10)**

LESSON CONTEXT

Paul is sailing to Rome to stand trial before Caesar in defense of his (preaching) against Jewish law. The Jewish leaders wanted *Festus* to send Paul to Jerusalem for trial however Paul Appealed to Caesar. The Jews were secretly plotting to kill Paul.

LESSON CONTEXT

(Acts 27), While sailing to Rome the ship encountered a great storm, what we would call a hurricane. The ship crashed yet all 276 persons on board survived, as Paul was previously told by an Angel this would occur and they would not die. (Acts 27:23) All are now stranded on the island of Malta.

Acts 28 : 1-2 NRSV

1. After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta.

² The local people showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us around it.

Acts 28: 3 NRSV

3 Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire when a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand.

Acts 28: 4 NRSV

4 When the local people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “This man must be a murderer; though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.”

Acts 28:5 NRSV

5 He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.

Reference: Mark 16:17-18 NRSV

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

Reference: Mark 16:17-18 NRSV

18 “they will pick up snakes with their hands; and if they drink deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

Acts 28:6 NRSV

6. They were expecting him to swell up or drop dead, but after they had waited a long time and saw that nothing unusual had happened to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

QUESTIONS?

How did the natives treat Paul & Crew when they arrived?

What was their view after Paul was bitten? Why?

What changed their views?

What does this type of behavior teach us about the perception habits of people?

Acts 28: 7 NRSV

⁷ Now in the vicinity of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days.

Acts 28: 8-9 NRSV

8 It so happened that the father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him.

9 After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured.

Acts 28:10 NRSV

10 They bestowed many honors on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed.

Key Points to Remember

Where: Island of Malta-60 Mi. south of Sicily, largest Mediterranean island at tip of Italy's boot.

Why: They were shipwrecked in route to Rome

Who: *Barbarians* – (Didn't Speak Greek Language)

What Happened: God used what appeared to be a disaster for grace and healing and blessings.

Questions to Consider

Without faith in God, how could Paul have viewed this whole experience.

What message does this lesson give us about surviving the storms of life, persecution of others, and keeping Faith in God?

What did Jesus say about being persecuted for the sake of Righteousness?

Liberating Lesson

Distrust between different demographics socioeconomic status and religion makes it hard for some people to give or receive help from people who aren't "their kind." How can (God's love) help believers break down barriers to communication and care for others.

LESSON SUMMARY

We see the power, protection and grace of an Omnipotent God at work in this text. Paul, committed to His ministry, endured great persecution, after his conversion from persecutor to preacher. He faithfully preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ as commanded without compromise. The reminder of Jesus suffering for our sins should cause us to stay focused on leading souls to Christ.

LIFE APPLICATION

Paul did not allow his life storm to stop him from ministering to others. Is there an area of ministry that you have given up because of pressures from a difficult situation? If so, prayerfully ask God to help you resume using your gift to help others. 🙏

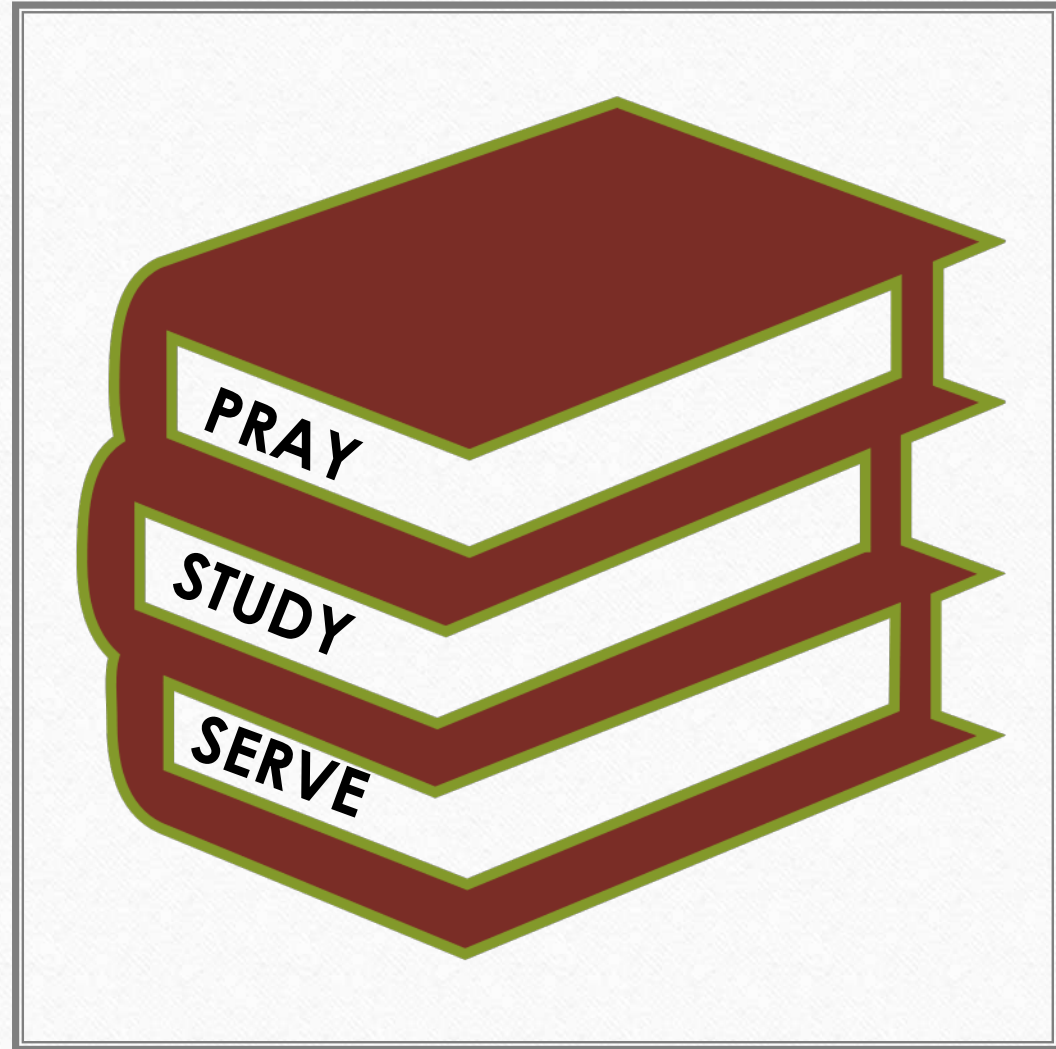


NEXT WEEKS LESSON

Paul Evangelizes in
Rome Acts: 28-31

Read Acts: 10 -31

Pray  Study  Serve



Your Personal Invitation

Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

Your Personal Invitation

Romans 10: 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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**Depart to Serve - Invite 2 People to
Class and May God continue to
Bless Each of you!**

**We hope to see you next week.
Jesus Saves.**