



# The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

## Bible Course

## Acts to Revelation

## Lesson 8

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Read Chapter 26*

1. Paul's defense is similar to his previous speech in chapter 22. Paul tells what a difference the gospel has made in his own \_\_\_\_\_. At this point, Festus accuses Paul of being "\_\_\_\_\_."
2. Paul turns to Agrippa, and says, "I know you \_\_\_\_\_." Briefly describe the 4 kinds of faith. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Write out verse 28. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is the conclusion of this trial?  
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*A thought: "If you were called into court and accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"*

5. The HC question #32 asks why the believer “is called a Christian.” Give a summary of that answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Heidelberg Catechism answer to question 32: “Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of His anointing; that so I may confess His name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him; and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life, and afterwards reign with Him eternally, over all creatures.”*

The last chapters of Acts are during the time of Paul’s imprisonment. Chapters 27 – 28

*Read Chapter 27*

detail Paul’s witness in Rome. Paul’s sea voyage to Rome was shipwrecked and he stayed for the winter on the island of Melita, then traveled on to Rome.

6. Paul now sails for Rome, under the guard of a centurion named \_\_\_\_\_. What proves that Paul was trusted on the ship?
- \_\_\_\_\_
7. This is similar to the respect given to \_\_\_\_\_ in prison in Genesis 39.
8. They sailed north of the island of \_\_\_\_\_ [verse 4], and then south of the island of \_\_\_\_\_ [verse 7], to a seaport named \_\_\_\_\_ [verse 8]. Paul advised to stay here for the winter, but the captain wanted to go to the western part of the island. Now God sends a “\_\_\_\_\_” [Psalm 148:8b]
9. What means did the sailors use to try to save the ship? \_\_\_\_\_
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10. Tell what encouragement Paul received from God by writing out vs. 23 and 24.
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11. How many people were on board this boat? \_\_\_\_\_ How many days did they go without eating? \_\_\_\_\_ We believe that it is Biblical to pray before we eat. Prove this from the example of Paul in verse 35. \_\_\_\_\_.

Note what a positive effect a Christian can have on other people!

12. Prove the truth of Psalm 107:30 from this history.
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*Read Chapter 28*

13. All \_\_\_\_\_ came safely to the island of \_\_\_\_\_. The native people here were kind, but uncivilized. Paul was bitten by a \_\_\_\_\_, but did not die. Therefore the people thought him to be a \_\_\_\_\_. Paul, by the power of the Spirit, healed the father of the chief of the island named \_\_\_\_\_. Others were also healed.
14. They boarded another ship and continued their journey to Rome. Along the Italian peninsula, they stopped at \_\_\_\_\_, where they found brethren and stayed with them for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
15. As they went closer to Rome, they stopped at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, where brethren came to meet them and encouraged Paul.
16. Explain why Paul quoted Isaiah 6: 9, 10 in verses 26 and 27 of this chapter.
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17. Christ had told His apostles to preach “to the uttermost part of the earth.” This was now accomplished. How does the book of Acts end the story of Paul?

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18. How does history suggest that Paul met his death?

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**Evaluator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meditation:** “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.” Acts 20:32

Not only did Paul “commend” the church at Ephesus “to God”, but he commended them also in an especial manner “to the Word of His grace.” There is a difference between “grace” and “the Word of His grace.” Nothing but grace can save the soul; nothing but superabounding grace can blot out and hide from the view of justice our aggravated iniquities. But “the *Word* of His grace” is that Word which brings this grace into the heart, which communicates life and power to the soul, which the Spirit by His inward teaching and testimony seals on the conscience, and by which He reveals and sheds abroad that favour of which He testifies. This is what the Lord’s people want. It is “the Word of grace” that reaches their soul. It is not reading of grace in God’s Word that brings peace into their hearts; it is “the Word of His grace,” when He is pleased to speak that Word with a divine power to their souls, that brings salvation with it.

Now, the Lord’s people are continually in those trying states and circumstances, out of which nothing can deliver them but “the Word of God’s grace.” If the soul have to pass through severe trials, it is not hearing of grace that can deliver it out of them. If it be beset with powerful temptations, it is not reading about grace that can break them to pieces. But “the Word of grace,” when the Lord Himself is pleased to speak with His own blessed lips, and apply some promise with His own divine power, supports under trial, delivers from temptation, breaks snares to pieces, makes crooked things straight and rough places plain, brings the prisoner out of the prison-house, and takes off the yoke by reason of the anointing.

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