



**ACTS
OF THE**

**HOLY
SPIRIT**

Acts 28:17-31

Embracing God Where We Are





1. The “threats” to Paul’s life did not change his focus or cause him to lose his focus. Paul embraced Christ where he was.

Threats:

1. Status as a “sect” of Judaism
2. Roman Empire’s persecution of Christians.
3. Rejection of Jesus by the Jews. V24, 28
4. Death.



2. Paul's understanding of the "KOG" was drastically different from the religious leaders. Paul's "hope" was that they might be persuaded.

- Acts 28:23 ... From morning till evening, he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.
- Acts 28:31 Proclaiming the KOG...

- Mk. 4:26-32 And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; ²⁷ and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows-- how, he himself does not know. ²⁸ "The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. ²⁹ "But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."





3. Apostle Paul's "last stand" with "official Judaism" appears to be unsuccessful. Is there a "future" for those who reject the message?

Rom. 11:25-27 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob"; 27 "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."