

KINGDOM OF GOD

ACTS 28:16-31

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: With a spectacular introduction to the hearts of the early believers, the Holy Spirit began with a small band of new, trembling Christians and started thousands of churches. The gospel has traveled through synagogues, over roads, by rivers, in ships, in prisons, to Rome and has kept on going until it has reached you! Will it stop on your watch? See **fn 28:30[2nd], 28:31[1st], 28:31[2nd]**.

CONCEALED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT—Messiah, the New Testament's Christ! (**Acts 28:23, fn 28:23, John 1:43-46, fn 1:46, Genesis 3:15, fn 3:15, Deuteronomy 18:15, fn 18:15, Isaiah 53:1-12, fn 53:1ff, fn 53:4, 5, fn 53:11, Jeremiah 31:31-34, fn 31:33[2nd], Ezekiel 36:24-37, fn 36:25-27**) *How would you proclaim to someone the message of salvation using these Scriptures?*

REVEALED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT—Christ, the Old Testament Messiah! The Jews wanted salvation by their works and for them alone. But God's salvation and God's kingdom is for all mankind and is only experienced by faith in Jesus Christ. (**Acts 28:24-28, Matthew 4:17, fn 4:17, Matthew 8:10-12, fn 8:10-12, fn 8:11, 12[2nd], John 3:1-5, fn 3:3, Romans 9:30-33, fn 9:32[2nd], I Corinthians 4:18-20, fn 4:18-20, Matthew 13:24-43, fn 13:24ff, fn 13:43**) *What about the Kingdom of God is counted as valuable to you?*

FULFILLED WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN!—To this end and beyond, Paul preached the Kingdom of God and taught and wrote about the Lord. (**Acts 28:29-31, Acts 1:3, Matthew 3:2, fn 3:2, Matthew 6:10, fn 6:10, Matthew 24:14, fn 24:14, Luke 12:35-40, fn 12:40, Titus 2:11-14, fn 2:11-14, I Thessalonians 5:1-3, fn 5:1-3**) *How could you prepare for the coming of Christ?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?