

## Snakebit While Serving Acts 28:1-10

### **God saves Paul and all with him from a fatal shipwreck. 28:1,2**

- All 276 were saved (27:20:31) just as Paul had predicted, 27:24.
- Natives lit.= *barbarians* (non-Greek/Latin speakers), Rom. 1:14.

### **God saves Paul from a fatal snake bite. 28:3-6**

- What are the odds of Paul being snakebit?! Why godly, innocent Paul?  
Notice that Paul was actively serving others at this time, as always!  
Do you ever feel “snakebit,” and that it’s so unfair at times? See Ps. 73
- Bad theology: *Paul must be a murderer!* Wow, the slander never stops!  
The misconception here is that we should expect justice on the earth.
- More bad theology: *Paul is a god!* Recall back in 14:11ff.  
The snake’s inability to hurt Paul may be a fulfillment of Lk. 10:18,19,  
Mk. 16:18. Paul shakes off the snake bite, and God uses it for good.

### **Paul heals those who have various diseases. 28:7-9**

- Paul not only helps save lives on the ship, but an island VIP and many others are healed by Paul (natives’ kindness = rewarded!).
- Luke doesn’t mention evangelism/conversions, but knowing Paul, he and his buddies must have been actively sharing the gospel.

### **Paul’s healings result in gaining honor and supplies. 28:10**

- This was three months of needed rest for Paul, Luke, and Aristarchus.
- Ironically the greatest honor Paul receives in Acts is from “barbarians” after a terrible shipwreck. This landing appears to have been in God’s plan once the captain decided to sail on, 27:26.

