

**“Acceptance”**  
*Receiving Others Blesses Everyone*  
Acts 28:1-11

**Acceptance is the act of accepting with approval;  
favorable reception**

Intro:

They’ve Escaped!!! They are alive and they have  
ESC APED!!

Survivors!!! Hurry, Come and HELP the  
Survivors who have escaped the Angry Sea!!

- Do you have some wood to build a fire?  
Could you bring some dry clothes? Go and  
greet them and see if you can cheer them up
- Run around and get towels from choir room  
after taking off your jacket to put on  
someone in the congo. Pretend to see  
someone shivering and in shock...you need  
something special...go get the CHIEFS  
Hoodie.

*Others perceive acceptance in how We :*

**I. Receive** – “they were escaped” (vs 1-2)  
*We Greet them with Our :*

- A. Language – “*the barbarous people*”
- B. Love – “*no little kindness*”
- C. Logic – “*because of...rain....cold*”

**II. Respect**– “they changed their minds” (vs 3-6)  
*We Honor them by ignoring :*

- A. Scuttlebutt – “*they said among themselves*”
- B. Sensationalism – “*yet vengeance suffers not to live*”
- C. Superstition – “*said that he was a god*”

**III. Render** – “received us and lodged us” (vs 7-11)  
*We Invest in them with :*

- A. Supplication – “*Paul entered in, and prayed*”
- B. Service – “*when this was done, others also*”
- C. Supplies – “*they laded us ...as were necessary*”

“What acts shall amount to such an acceptance is often a  
question of great nicety and difficulty. “  
Quote from Mozley and Whitely

Verses 1-2 – Response to the Plight of the castaways  
Place and People

- Barbarous people – spoke non greek
- No little kindness – Really kind (philanthropic=love of mankind)
  - Started a fire
    - An extra task
    - An extra expense
    - An extra responsibility
  - Made room for each and every one of us (276 of them)
    - Some lovely
    - Some unlovely
    - Some nice
    - Some not so nice
    - Some deserving
    - Some not so deserving
  - Concerned for us in the rain and the cold
    - The need was now
    - The need was simple
    - The need was real

#### Verses 3-4 – Response to Paul’s Misfortune

- Judged him based on limited knowledge of his situation

- Survived the danger of the sea
- Justice will require his life = snake

#### Verses 5-6 – Response to Paul’s Fortune

- Claimed he was a god not God’s

#### Verses 7-11 – Results of Publius’ Acceptance of Paul

- Salvation for the Health, Healing, Heaven for the Host
- Service to the Community (Therapuo)
- Supply of Necessities to Paul and others

Verse 2 – received = *proslanos* = take in addition, to take to one’s self

- 1a) to take as one’s companion

Verse 7 – received = **324 anadechomai** { **an-ad-ekh’-om-ahee** }

- 1) take upon’s self, undertake, assume