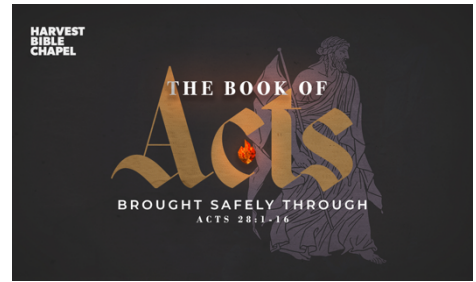


The Book of Acts
69 – Brought Safely Through
Acts 28:1-16



1. What other era of history would you want to live in? If you're old enough to know, do you agree with what was said about less complicated times? Why or why not?
2. Discuss this statement that was made: "If all we do is improve a person, we've done nothing but make them more comfortable and well-adjusted on their way to hell. If we only save them from bad behavior, we've simply produced a better sinner, sending him/her to an eternity without being truly saved in the only sense that matters."
3. Review the three questions that were shared in the first point:
 - I. What's the one thing God is seeking to do in the world and in my life? See Luke 9:10.
 - II. What's the thing he's bringing me safely through? See Romans 5:8.
 - III. What's the bad stuff I need to shake off? See 1 John 1:9.
4. Why is it that some Christians easily understand that being a believer included serving others while some professing Christians use any number of excuses to not serve?
5. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich." Bonhoeffer, as we heard, was martyred for his faith and spent two years in Nazi concentration camps serving Christ, preaching and teaching the gospel, with thanksgiving in his heart. By his own definition, Bonhoeffer was a rich man! Are you so grateful for Christ and his blessings, no matter your circumstances, that you would also consider yourself rich?

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As Christ brings me safely through this life...

...I shake off the bad (v. 1-6)

Morality may keep you out of jail, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep you out of hell.

- Charles Spurgeon

The gospel does not make bad men good but makes dead men alive.

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Luke 19:10

Romans 5:8

1 John 1:9

...put my hands to work (v. 7-10)

...and thank God for it all. (v. 11-16)

40+ times that Paul expresses gratitude:

- Acts 27:35; 28:15
- Romans 1:8, 21; 6:17; 7:25; 14:6; 16:4
- 1 Corinthians 1:4, 14; 10:30; 11:24; 14:16–18; 15:57
- 2 Corinthians 1:11; 2:14; 4:15; 8:16; 9:11, 15; 10:30
- Ephesians 1:16; 5:4, 20
- Philippians 1:3; 4:6
- Colossians 1:3, 12; 2:7; 3:15–17; 4:2
- 1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2:13; 3:9; 5:18
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2:13
- 1 Timothy 1:12; 2:1; 4:3
- 2 Timothy 1:3; 3:2
- Philemon 4

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- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

As Christ brings me safely through this life, I shake off the bad, put my hands to work, and thank God for it all.

Additional Resources:

This Day in History: The Execution of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

<https://www.crossway.org/articles/this-day-in-history-the-execution-of-dietrich-bonhoeffer/>