

1. Open the Word of Truth to Acts 28:1. We are studying Paul's journey to Rome. Before we continue our Bible Study, you may want to take advantage of God's protocol for fellowship by silently naming your sins to God as we pray.
2. Last week I completed the exegesis of Acts 27:44 and when time expired we were in the process of analyzing Acts 28:1.
3. Before we resume our analysis, I want us to take a look at a map of the journey to Rome and then review an expanded translation of Acts 27:42-44.

### Expanded Translation

**Acts 27:42** The Roman guards decided they should execute Paul and the other prisoners; they were fearful that some of them might swim away and escape;

**Acts 27:43** but the centurion decided it would be best to save Paul and his fellow prisoners so he ordered his men to cease and desist, he then ordered all those onboard who could swim to dive into the water and make their way to shore;

**Acts 27:44** and those who could not swim were ordered to get into the water and get to shore, some were able to float on the large boards torn from the cargo area and others made it to shore by holding to the larger pieces of flotsam separated from the disintegrating ship.

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of Acts 28:1 which in the KJV has been rendered "And when they were escaped ..." noting it might better be rendered "**And after we had been washed safely to shore ...**"
5. The entire verse has been translated:

KJV - New Sentence

Acts 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

THEN THEY KNEW ΤΟΤΕ ΕΠΙΓΙΝΩΣΚΩ

1. **Tote Epiginosko** is better translated "we found out ..."
2. **Tote** is an adverb usually translated "then." It is followed by the verb **Epiginosko** parsed as 1st person plural, aorist active indicative.
3. **Epiginosko** means to know with a degree of certainty or to know for sure. Its noun form, **Epignosis**, can only be found in the epistles to the church. Let me first give you five uses of the verb **Epiginosko** and then I will provide the etymology of the noun **Epignosis**.

#### 4. **Epiginosko**

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge (**Epignosis**), God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;  
Rom 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,  
Rom 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,  
Rom 1:31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:  
Rom 1:32 Who "**knowing**" the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

1Co 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I "**know**" in part; but then shall I know (**Epignosis**) even as also I am known (**Epignosis**).

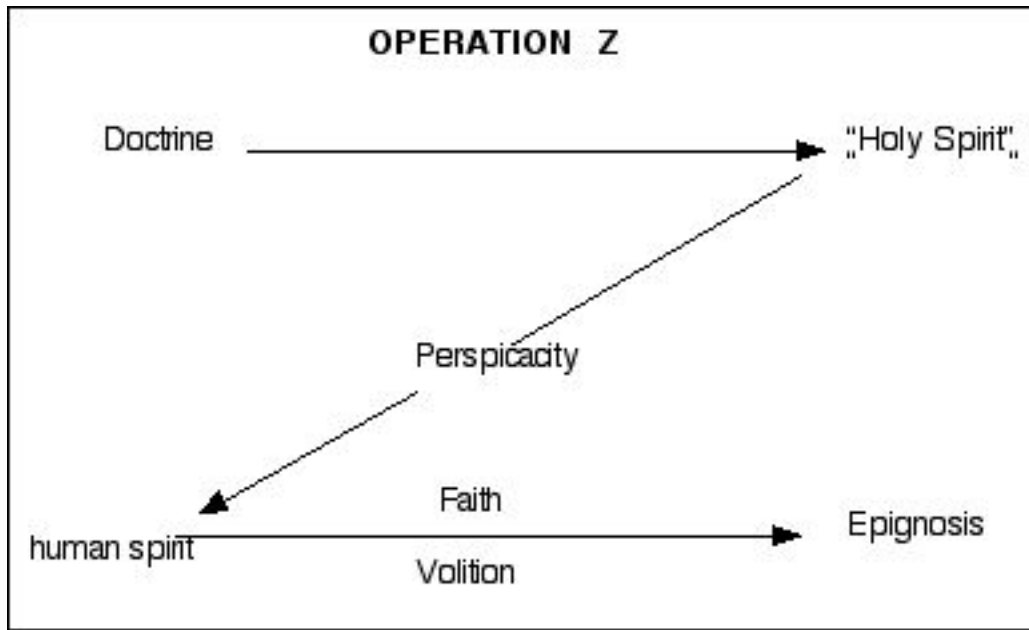
2Co 1:13 For we do not write you anything you cannot read or "**understand**." And I hope that,  
2Co 1:14 as you have "**understood**" us in part, you will come to "**understand**" fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus.  
2Co 1:15 Because I was confident of this, I planned to visit you first so that you might benefit twice.

#### 5. **Epignosis**

5.1 From our Operation Z chart we can see how **Epignosis** doctrine is that doctrine which has been transferred to the right lobe of the soul.

5.2 **Epignosis** can be found some twenty times in the New Testament where it is translated in the KJV as knowledge, acknowledgment or acknowledging. It does not appear in the Gospels, the Book of Acts or the Book of the Revelation. The word is used most extensively and exclusively in the epistles to the church.

5.3 **Epignosis** therefore is a technical term used by Paul after his first imprisonment. It was only after his discipline and four years in prison that Paul understood his job was to teach and to be the Apostle to the gentiles.



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5.3.1 Let's review the progression and use of this word in Scripture.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their "**knowledge**," God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the "**knowledge**" of sin.

Rom 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to "**knowledge**."

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the "**knowledge**" of him:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the "**knowledge**" of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Phi 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in "**knowledge**" and in all judgment;

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the "**knowledge**" of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the "**knowledge**" of God;

Col 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all

riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the "**acknowledgment**" of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in "**knowledge**" after the image of him that created him:

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the "**knowledge**" of the truth.

2Ti 2:25 Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a "**knowledge**" of the truth,

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the "**knowledge**" of the truth.

Tit 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the "**acknowledging**" of the truth which is after godliness;

Phm 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the "**acknowledging**" of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Heb 10:26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the "**knowledge**" of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the "**knowledge**" of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the "**knowledge**" of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the "**knowledge**" of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Pe 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the "**knowledge**" of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

6. Let's see how our verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

### **Expanded Translation**

**Acts 28:1 And after struggling safely to shore, we found out ...**

7. And now for the phrase "that the island."

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