

## **Stephen's Witness – Acts 6:1-8:4**

- 1.) God has PRIORITIES He wants His church to uphold (6:1-7)
  1. unity in DIVERSITY
  2. de-centralized LEADERSHIP
  3. devotion to the WORD and TO PRAYER

- 2.) God call PEOPLE to work for Him

Stephen was full of:

1. FAITH and HOLY SPIRIT (5)
2. GRACE and POWER (8)
3. WISDOM (3,10)

- 3.) God allows PERSECUTION (6:9-7:1)

- 4.) God gives POWER to His people to witness (7:2-53)  
KEY THEMES IN STEPHEN'S SERMON:
  1. RESTRICTION of God
  2. REJECTION of God's servants.

a) Abraham (7:2-8)

- I. ...became father to a HOLY NATION outside of the HOLY LAND
- II. ...received God's PROMISE before Israel entered the PROMISED LAND

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### b) Joseph (7:9-16)

- I. ...had God WITH HIM even though he was in Egypt
- II. ...became RULER and REDEEMER despite being REJECTED

### c) Moses (7:17-44)

- I. ...stood on HOLY GROUND before building the HOLY OF HOLIES
- II. ...became RULER and REDEEMER despite being REJECTED

TANGENT: IDOLATRY (39-43)

### d) Joshua, David, Solomon (7:45-47)

### e) his hearers (7:48-53)

...are just like their FATHERS (51)

- I. RESTRICTING God (48-50)
- II. REJECTING God's servant (51-53)

### 5.) God has a PURPOSE in His people's tragedies. (7:54-8:4)