

THE WITNESS OF STEPHEN PART 2

The First Martyr for Christ

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Acts 7:38-8:3

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Outline:

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| 1) The Witness to Jerusalem | Acts 1:1-8:3 |
| 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria | Acts 8:4-12:24 |
| 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth | Acts 12:25-21:14 |
| 4) From Jerusalem to Rome | Acts 21:15-28:31 |

Key Verse: Acts 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

Theme: God's witness must trust in His Word, be filled with the Holy Spirit, accurately present the gospel, not fear men, but entrust himself to God.

I. A Model Witness 6:5-15

1. Stephen was called by God and received faith and power from the Holy Spirit.
2. Stephen received the ability to accomplish the same activities as the apostles.
3. Stephen spoke with authority of God's Word and with power of the Holy Spirit.
4. Stephen trusted God when charged with crimes that carried the death sentence.
5. Stephen exalted God, did not fear men and entrusted himself to the Lord.

Outline of Sermon

- I. A Witness For God – charged with blaspheming God
- II. A Witness For Moses – charged with blaspheming Moses
- III. A Witness For the Law – charged with blaspheming Law
- IV. A Witness For the Temple – charged with blaspheming the Temple

II. A Witness For God 1-16

1. God is glory and is the One and only God.
2. God is sovereign in salvation, He calls sinners to a relationship with Him.
3. God is trustworthy and has made promises that must be accepted by faith.
4. God is merciful to save those who repent and believe to eternal life.

III. A Witness For Moses 17-37

1. Moses was saved by God's sovereign grace from being killed as a baby.
2. Moses was well educated in Egypt and acted and spoke with power.
3. Moses was God's chosen deliverer, but was rejected by his people.
4. Moses was called by God to deliver the nation, who rejected him, from bondage.
5. Moses looked forward to the Messiah whom God would send to save His people.

IV. A Witness For the Law

38-43

1. The Law was received from God by Moses _____.
2. The Law was not obeyed by Israel, but _____.
3. The Law forbid idolatry, but Israel _____ even before it was delivered.

V. A Witness For the Temple

44-53

1. The temple was preceded by the tabernacle as the _____.
2. The temple was built by Solomon by the _____.
3. The temple was a symbol, never to be the place of _____.
4. Stephen charges the Sanhedrin with being guilty of the _____.

VI. Results of Stephen's Witness

54-8:3

1. The Sanhedrin understood the charges and responded in _____.
2. Stephen was protected by the _____ and received sufficient grace from God.
3. The Sanhedrin revealed their true nature by _____ Stephen.
4. Stephen revealed his true nature by _____ to the Lord and praying for his enemies.
5. The Sanhedrin expanded their persecution to include _____.

VI. Application

1. Be a witness for Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:20 1 Thessalonians 2:4
2. Be bold in your witness and do not fear man.
Matthew 10:24-34 1 Peter 2:21-23 1 Timothy 1:12 2 Timothy 1:12
3. Be prepared to give an accurate presentation of the gospel. 1 Peter 3:14-15