

## ACTS

### Stephen's Courageous Ministry Acts 6:7-7:1

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#### 1. Stephen is an example of a man \_\_\_\_\_ committed to the Lord and used by Him in ministry to others.

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem recognized Stephen as a mature, Christian man with a heart to serve others.
  - 1) God enabled him to be a man who was full of faith and wisdom because he was devoted to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) God enabled him to be a man who lived under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
- b. Stephen was a faithful man, and the Lord brought about a larger \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem.
  - 1) God granted him a fullness of grace and power, and enabled him to reach out to the Hellenistic \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) God enabled him to stand \_\_\_\_\_ and persevere in faithful ministry even when he encountered strong opposition.

#### 2. The opposition of many of the Jews to the message of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ against Stephen.

- a. The Hellenistic Jews attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ with Stephen about the message of Christ but they were not successful.
- b. When thoughtful debate did not work, the Hellenistic Jews resorted to getting men to publicly misrepresent what Stephen was saying about Moses, the Law, and the temple.

*"It was expected that in the days of the Messiah that they should be changed, and that the \_\_\_\_\_ should be done away when the substance was come; yet this was no essential change of the Law, but the perfecting of it. Christ came, not to destroy, but to fulfill the Law." - Matthew Henry*
- c. Finally, Stephen was compelled to stand before the Sanhedrin as a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ like the Apostles before him. The Lord powerfully came to his aid as he began to testify.