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What Can We Learn From the First Christian Martyr?

Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60

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Notes:

Acts 6:8-15

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Acts 7:54-60

A Brief Biography on Stephen's Life

A _____ Man With High

_____ and a _____

Notes:

Acts 6:15

A Transitional _____ in

Notes:

Acts 6:6

Acts 7:58

A Catalytic _____ in

Acts 8:1, 4

Acts 1:8

Notes:

**A _____ to Christ
Who Became the**

_____ for Christ

Notes:

witness = *martus* or *martur* (Gk)
martyr = one who bears witness
even by death.

Notes:

The Indelible Testimony of Stephen's Witness

Lesson on _____

Acts 6:5

“While faith alone saves, faith is not always safe.”

Notes:

Matthew 5:10-12

*Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause
Or blush to speak His name?*

*Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease?
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?*

*Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?*

*Sure I must fight, if I would reign
Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy word.*

—Isaac Watts

Lesson on _____

Acts 7:1-52

Notes:

“A successful witness is sharing Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.” —Bill Bright

Lesson on _____

Acts 7:54

“To love and follow Jesus Christ often means being hated and resisted by the world.”

John 15:18-21

Notes:

Lesson on _____

“Don’t despise your liberty, but liberate the gospel through your life and witness for Christ.”

Three Doctrinal Foundations

Separation of Powers

Legislative, Executive, Judicial

Freedom of Religion

(Not “Freedom from Religion”)

Rule of Constitutional Law

(Due Process and Personal Representation)

Hebrews 13:3

Notes:

Lesson on _____

Acts 7:60

“Forgiveness may not resolve your injury, but it will release God’s authority in the life of others.”

Acts 7:59-60

Matthew 18:18

Notes:

Lesson on _____

“There is reality greater than death; it is the triumph of Christ over the grave.”

Luke 12:11

Notes:

1 Peter 4:13-14, 19

Stephen = *stephanos* or crown

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