

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

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¹¹Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹²And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, ¹³and they set up false witnesses who said,

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"This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." ¹⁵And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel. —Acts 6:8-15 ESV

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⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

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⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

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⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. —Acts 7:54-60 ESV

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A Common Man With High
Character and a Holy Life

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council saw that his face was like the
face of an angel. —Acts 6:15 ESV

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A Transitional Personality in
Christian History (Acts 6:6; 7:58)

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A Catalytic Force in Church Growth
(Acts 8:1, 4)

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But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come
upon you, and you will be My
witnesses in Jerusalem and in all
Judea and Samaria, and to the
end of the earth. —Acts 1:8 ESV

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A Witness to Christ Who Became
the First Martyr for Christ

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

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The Indelible Testimony of Stephen's Witness

Lesson on Faith

(Acts 6:5)

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

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¹⁰“Blessed are those who are
 persecuted for righteousness' sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹Blessed are you when others revile
 you and persecute you and utter all
 kinds of evil against you falsely on My
 account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your
 reward is great in heaven, for so they
 persecuted the prophets who were
 before you.” —Matthew 5:10-12 ESV

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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?

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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

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Lesson on Faithfulness
(Acts 7:1-52)

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

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Lesson on Fury
(Acts 7:54)

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

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John 15:18-21

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Lesson on Freedom

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

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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)

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Remember those who are
in prison, as though in
prison with them, and those
who are mistreated, since
you also are in the body.

—Hebrews 13:3 ESV

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The Indelible Testimony of Stephen's Witness

Lesson on Forgiveness (Acts 7:60)

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

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—Acts 7:59-60 ESV

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Matthew 18:18

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The Indelible Testimony of Stephen's Witness
Lesson on Fear

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

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And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say.

—Luke 12:11 ESV

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¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you... ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. —1 Peter 4:13-14, 19 ESV

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Stephen = *stephanos* or crown

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