

# Message Notes

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Onward: First Martyr  
Acts 6:8-8:3  
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- How do we move onward when God permits \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_?

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power,  
performed great wonders and signs among the people. Acts 6:8

## Stephen's Character (Acts 6:8-15)

- Like Jesus, Stephen is full of \_\_\_\_\_, power & the Holy \_\_\_\_\_. John 1:14
- Even his accusers note his \_\_\_\_\_ & shining \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 6:15; Lk 21:15

"This is the Moses who told the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you  
a prophet like me from your own people.'" Acts 7:37

## Stephen's Sermon (Acts 7:1-53)

- Like Jesus, he answers \_\_\_\_\_ charges about Moses, temple, law. Acts 6:11-14
- He shows how their ancestors \_\_\_\_\_ Moses in the O.T. Acts 7:35
- He shows how the temple is a signpost, \_\_\_\_\_ where God \_\_\_\_\_. Act 7:48
- He shows how \_\_\_\_\_ too have \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51-53

"While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."  
Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."  
When he had said this, he fell asleep. Acts 7:59-60

## Stephen's Dying Words (Acts 7:54-60)

- He points his accusers to \_\_\_\_\_ & Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen. Acts 7:56
- He asks Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ his spirit & \_\_\_\_\_ his killers. Acts 7:59-60
- Persecution ensues but God answers Stephen's \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 22:20; 26:9-23
- LORD, is there a place I'm \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_?
- LORD, please fill me with \_\_\_\_\_ so I can move onward with You.