

# Acts 7:54-8:4

## I. Acts 7:54-60. Stephen, a faithful man.

1. A call for the believer to \_\_\_\_\_ in persecution no matter what.
2. The cause of Stephen's murder was a reaction \_\_\_\_\_ v. 54.
  - Stephen's message about the leaders and the people's failure to follow and obey God was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Lord ministered to Stephen while being stoned vs. 55-56.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were there for him.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 57-58
  - The murder of a believer who only wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ the people with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.
5. Stephen's assurance of salvation, forgiving spirit, and peaceful departure vs 59-60.
  - a. Stephen called for \_\_\_\_\_ to receive his spirit.
  - b. Stephen \_\_\_\_\_ for his murderers to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Stephen \_\_\_\_\_ as he passed from this life into the next.

## II. Acts 8:1-3. Paul's fury and violence when persecuting the Church.

1. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ Stephan's death v.1.
2. Persecution of the Church \_\_\_\_\_ on the very day of Stephen's execution with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ v.1 & 3.

## III. Acts 8:1 & 4. Persecution gave birth to the spreading of the gospel.

1. Starting in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ v. 1.
2. Witnessing in the midst of persecution \_\_\_\_\_ the believers' \_\_\_\_\_ of their salvation v.4.