

Acts 6:8-8:3 Testifying Boldly For Jesus Unto Death

Context

Stephen's Example & Encounter

1. Emulating the Lord Jesus in suffering & response
 - a. False accusations leveled at Stephen (6:11-14; cf. Matt 26:59-61)
 - b. Stephen responded to his impending death with submission and forgiveness (7:59-60; cf. Luke 23:34, 46)
2. Empowered by the Holy Spirit to testify with irrefutable wisdom and godly response (6:10; 7:55 cf. Luke 21:15)
3. Exposing the condition of the hearers in the testifying (7:1-53)
 - a. Patriarch period: (vv.2-16)
 - b. Exodus period: (vv. 17-43)
 - c. Promised Land period: (vv. 44-50)
 - d. Present day period: (vv. 51-53)
4. Ensured of Jesus' attention and vindication (7:55-56)

Development in the progression of gospel