



Acts 6-7

The Church is empowered.

The Church is multiplying.

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The Church is unstoppable.

The Church thrives by the Word of God and
Obedience.

Acts 6:1–4 (NASB95)

1 Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.

2 So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.

3 “Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

4“But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

5The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

6And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

Church Leadership Requires Sacrifice.

Good reputation \neq Good Ol'e Boy

Full of the Spirit = One Mind

Full of Wisdom = Obedient

Acts 6:7–9 (NASB95)

7The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

8And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

9But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen.

Acts 6:10–12 (NASB95)

10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

11 Then they secretly induced men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.”

12 And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they came up to him and dragged him away and brought him before the Council.

Acts 6:13–15 (NASB95)

13 They put forward false witnesses who said, “This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law;

14 for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us.”

15 And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the Council saw his face like the face of an angel.

Acts 7:1–3 (NASB95)

1The high priest said, “Are these things so?”

2And he said, “Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,
3and said to him, ‘LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.’”

Acts 7:4–6 (NASB95)

4“Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. From there, after his father died, God had him move to this country in which you are now living.

5“But He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground, and yet, even when he had no child, He promised that HE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM AS A POSSESSION, AND TO HIS DESCENDANTS AFTER HIM.

6“But God spoke to this effect, that his
DESCENDANTS WOULD BE ALIENS IN A
FOREIGN LAND, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE
ENSLAVED AND MISTREATED FOR FOUR
HUNDRED YEARS.

Acts 7:7–8 (NASB95)

7“ ‘AND WHATEVER NATION TO WHICH THEY WILL BE IN BONDAGE I MYSELF WILL JUDGE,’ said God, ‘AND AFTER THAT THEY WILL COME OUT AND SERVE ME IN THIS PLACE.’

8“And He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.

Acts 7:9–11 (NASB95)

9“**The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. Yet God was with him,**
10**and rescued him from all his afflictions, and granted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and all his household.**

11“**Now a famine came over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction with it, and our fathers could find no food.**

Acts 7:12–14 (NASB95)

12“But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers there the first time.

13“On the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph’s family was disclosed to Pharaoh.

14“Then Joseph sent word and invited Jacob his father and all his relatives to come to him, seventy-five persons in all.

Acts 7:15–17 (NASB95)

15“And Jacob went down to Egypt and there he and our fathers died.

16“From there they were removed to Shechem and laid in the tomb which Abraham had purchased for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

17“But as the time of the promise was approaching which God had assured to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt,

Joseph was Jacob's favorite because he told and he was hated by his brothers because told the truth.

Acts 7:18–20 (NASB95)

18until THERE AROSE ANOTHER KING OVER EGYPT WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT JOSEPH.

19“It was he who took shrewd advantage of our race and mistreated our fathers so that they would expose their infants and they would not survive.

20“It was at this time that Moses was born; and he was lovely in the sight of God, and he was nurtured three months in his father’s home.

Acts 7:21–23 (NASB95)

21“And after he had been set outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him away and nurtured him as her own son.

22“Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.

23“But when he was approaching the age of forty, it entered his mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel.

Acts 7:24–26 (NASB95)

24“*And when he saw one of them being treated unjustly, he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed by striking down the Egyptian.*

25“*And he supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting them deliverance through him, but they did not understand.*

Acts 7:27–29 (NASB95)

27“But the one who was injuring his neighbor pushed him away, saying, ‘WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND JUDGE OVER US?’

28‘YOU DO NOT MEAN TO KILL ME AS YOU KILLED THE EGYPTIAN YESTERDAY, DO YOU?’

29“At this remark, MOSES FLED AND BECAME AN ALIEN IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN, where he became the father of two sons.

26“On the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting together, and he tried to reconcile them in peace, saying, ‘Men, you are brethren, why do you injure one another?’

The Jews were so busy fighting among each other to heed any counsel this is the first sign of their rebellious hearts.

Now watch this...

Acts 7:30–32 (NASB95)

30“After forty years had passed, AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF MOUNT Sinai, IN THE FLAME OF A BURNING THORN BUSH.

31“When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he approached to look more closely, there came the voice of the Lord:

32‘I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB.’ Moses shook with fear and would not venture to look.

Acts 7:33–35 (NASB95)

33“BUT THE LORD SAID TO HIM, ‘TAKE OFF THE SANDALS FROM YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE ON WHICH YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY GROUND.

34‘I HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE IN EGYPT AND HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANS, AND I HAVE COME DOWN TO RESCUE THEM; COME NOW, AND I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT.’

35“This Moses whom they disowned, saying, ‘WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?’ is the one whom God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush.

36“This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.

37“This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, ‘GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN.’

Acts 7:38–40 (NASB95)

38“**This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you.**

39“**Our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but repudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt,**

40**SAYING TO AARON, ‘MAKE FOR US GODS WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; FOR THIS MOSES WHO LED US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT—WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.’**

Acts 7:41–43 (NASB95)

41“**At that time they made a calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.**

42“**But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, ‘IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?’**

43 'YOU ALSO TOOK ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH AND THE STAR OF THE GOD ROMPHA, THE IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP. I ALSO WILL REMOVE YOU BEYOND BABYLON.' (Amos 5:25-27)

44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed him to make it according to the pattern which he had seen.

Acts 7:46–48 (NASB95)

45“And having received it in their turn, our fathers brought it in with Joshua upon dispossessing the nations whom God drove out before our fathers, until the time of David.

46“David found favor in God’s sight, and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.

47“But it was Solomon who built a house for Him.

48“However, the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says:

Acts 7:49–51 (NASB95)

49‘HEAVEN IS MY THRONE, AND EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY FEET; WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME?’ says the Lord, ‘OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY REPOSE?’

50‘WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS?’

51“‘You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

Acts 7:52–53 (NASB95)

52“Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;

53you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it.”

Summary: You used God to get what you wanted but inwardly you were nothing more than whores selling your birthright like Esau to to whomever or whatever would give you the desire of your fleshly uncircumcised or disobedient hearts.

Acts 7:54–57 (NASB95)

54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him.

55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

56 and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.

Acts 7:58–60 (NASB95)

58When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!”

60Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” Having said this, he fell asleep.

Matthew 18:7 (NASB95)

7“Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!

Regeneration in Christ is the spiritual circumcision of the eyes and ears.

2 Corinthians 3:12–14 (NASB95)

12Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech,

13and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away.

14But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:15–18 (NASB95)

15But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;

16but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Spiritual Regeneration brought by the
Lord brings understanding.

Their always will be be persecution and gnashing
of teeth until Jesus returns.

Be obedient and love no matter the outcome.



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