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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 14

BAPTISM BY FIRE

One Disciple's Full Measure of Devotion

(Acts 6:8-8:3)

INTRODUCTION:

THE NEW COMMISSION & THE NEW COMMUNITY:

- There is the **relational** component of the new community— _____ out the great _____. And there is the **missional** component of the new community _____ out the great _____.
- It is a _____ balance, but also a _____ balance. The **relational** is to serve the **missional** component. The church is both a _____ base and a _____ base.
- The love of Christ, is a _____ love.

THE NARRATIVE: (ACTS 6:8-8:3)

1. THE _____ STEPHEN _____ (6:8-15)
2. THE _____ STEPHEN _____ (7:1-53)
3. THE _____ STEPHEN _____ (7:54-8:1)
4. THE _____ STEPHEN _____ (8:2-3)

THE CHALLENGE:

1A. WHEN CALLED TO GIVE _____, _____! (6:5)
 "...and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,..."

—Acts 6:5a

2A. WHEN CALLED TO GIVE _____, _____! (6:8-7:53)

1B. The **Setting**: (6:15-7:1)

1C. The _____: (v. 9, 10)

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

2C. The _____ : (v. 11, 13-14)

"Then they secretly induced men to say, 'We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.' ...**They put forward false witnesses** who said, "This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law;

3C. The _____ : (v. 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."

2B. The **Sermon**: (7:2-53)

1C. The _____ of the Sermon (v. 1-47)

"Hear me, brethren and fathers! **The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham...**"

2C. The _____ of the Sermon (v. 48-50)

"**However**, the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands..."

- Jesus did not come to _____ the _____, but to _____ it.

3C. The _____ of the Sermon (v. 51-53)

"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."

3A. **WHEN CALLED TO GIVE** _____, _____ ! (7:54-60)

"Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick..."

1B. **What Stephen was** _____ to _____ : (7:55-58)

"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...**"

2B. **What Stephen was** _____ to _____ : (7:59-60)

"They went on stoning Stephen **as he called on the Lord and said**, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!' Then 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."

1C. A _____ of _____ .

2C. A _____ of _____ .

CONCLUSION: