



1: Opening

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 18** *Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?
- **Answer.** No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.
- **Scripture Reference. Ephesians 5:5-6**

2: August 25 Sermon - Study Questions

- **Acts 7:48-60**
 - Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage
 - **Questions**
1. Recap how Stephen was "full of it" in his life (Acts 6:3, 5, 8).
 2. In ch.6, we see that Stephen has been falsely accused of speaking against Moses, God, the law, and the temple. As Stephen is before the court what does he recount from Scripture?
 3. Why does Stephen use these details of these historical accounts to respond to the Israelites? How is his message pointing to Jesus?
 4. In the case of Joseph, Moses, the prophets, and Jesus, how have the Israelites responded to these men sent by God?
 5. Despite rejection over and over again, how has God shown Himself faithful throughout biblical history?
 6. In v.51-54, Stephen rebukes the Israelites and the Israelites are given an opportunity to repent, but are instead filled with rage. How do we guard ourselves from responding to godly rebukes in a similar manner?
 7. In life, Stephen was "full of it" and likewise in his death he was "full of it". Read Acts 7:55-60. In what ways was Stephen's death like that of Christ's?
 8. Stephen's final words were to pray that the sins of his oppressors not be held against him. How was this prayer answered?
 9. Throughout Acts 7, we see God's faithfulness to save an unfaithful people. How does knowing this help you to trust God and follow Him?
 10. Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit in life and death. This caused him to respond to opposition with amazing grace, displaying the power of God in His people. How can we seek live out our lives full of the Holy Spirit?

3: Closing

- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism