

“EXPECTATIONS FOR GODLY PEOPLE”

Acts 6:8-15

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Maintaining purpose in the midst of contention in the body:
 - 1.
 - 2.
- B. Who, why, and how the accuser targets individuals:
 - 1. Who the accuser is - “Satan” means “accuser of the brethren”: (*Rev. 12:9-10*)
 - 2. Why the accuser targets Christ’s purpose:
 - 3. How the accuser selects his individual target:

II. THE ACCUSATION OF STEPHEN – “THE CROWNED ONE”:

- A. The accused: **v. 8**
 - 1. The source: (*See Eph. 6:12*)
 - 2. The target: (*See II Tim. 3:12*)
 - a.
 - b.
- B. The accusers: **vv. 9, 11-12**
 - 1. Who they were:
 - 2. Their threefold strategy:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- C. The accused responds to his accusers: **vv. 10, 15**
 - 1.
 - 2.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.