

## Stephen, the First Christian Martyr (Acts 7:54-60)

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### Review

Stephen stood accused of blaspheming—speaking \_\_\_\_\_ of—God, Moses, the Law, and the \_\_\_\_\_.

Stephen asserts that the Jewish leaders are just as \_\_\_\_\_ and separated from God as the pagan \_\_\_\_\_.

Stephen's death was full of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Stephen's Accusers React with Rage (v. 54)

they were cut to the quick (*diaprio*) =

gnashing their teeth (*brycho*) =

Cross references and notes on future gnashing of teeth:

The suffering of hell will include the endless \_\_\_\_\_ and frustration of those people who will forever feel both intense \_\_\_\_\_ for their damning sin and \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.

### Stephen Looks to Christ (vv. 55-56)

Amidst the swirling storm of \_\_\_\_\_ around him, Stephen remained calm and collected, totally under the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.

gazed intently (*atenizo*) =

standing (*histemi*) =

Notes on Jesus [standing at the right hand of God](#):

When Stephen's words placed \_\_\_\_\_ at the Father's right hand, that was the \_\_\_\_\_ that broke the camel's back for them.

### The Murderous Hatred of the Leaders (vv. 57-58)

cried out (*krazo*) =

rushed (*hormao*) =

They continued in the pathetic tradition of their \_\_\_\_\_ by rejecting yet another of God's \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

Notes on how they stoned Stephen:

Notes on who was there at Stephen's stoning:

### The Christlikeness of Stephen (vv. 59-60)

In his time of \_\_\_\_\_, Stephen turned to the Lord.

This \_\_\_\_\_ of Stephen indicates that he expected to enter the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as he died.

Stephen's cry was not out of \_\_\_\_\_, rage, or hatred, but out of love and a desire to see his persecutors \_\_\_\_\_ from God's wrath!

Although he was killed, Stephen was not the victim, but the \_\_\_\_\_!