

**Acts: O Church, Arise!**  
March 1, 2026 – Acts 7:54-8:3  
**You Will Be Hated for My Name's Sake**

**Message for today** – Opposition will come, but keep your focus on things above.

They looked on in anger while Stephen looked up in awe

They cast stones while Stephen cast his cares on God

They tried to end the church while God was expanding it

**Reflections**  
Acts 7:54-8:3

**Hear the Word**

1. What is this passage telling me about who God is (His character, actions, attributes, Word)?
2. What does it tell me about the original audience, or about the nature of sin?
3. What actions are being commanded, encouraged, celebrated, prohibited, or warned against?
4. What is the main purpose of this passage, and does it bring other passages to mind?
5. How does this passage point me to Jesus, and help me to see the gospel more clearly?

**Do the Word**

1. How do my actions, thoughts, words or emotions need to change in light of this passage?
2. How does my prayer life need to change as a result of this?
3. Where have I experienced any opposition or fear of opposition for following Christ? In what ways do I need to grow in how I respond?
4. Do I see any other way that this should impact my worship of God?

**Next Week: Acts 8:4-25**