

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 12

Review: *With the installing of the office of deacon, the church sees an increase in the ministry of God's Word, discipleship, and conversions among the critics. But there arises a new level of resistance that results in the first martyr - Stephen.*

I. A Divine Conversation - Acts 6:8-14

- A) His power was observed in his WORKS - vs. 8
- B) His power was observed in his WISDOM - vs. 10
- C) His power was observed in his WORDS - vs. 11-14
"The world will resort to lies when the truth is insufficient."

II. A Divine Countenance - Acts 6:15

- A) The evidence of a clear CONSCIENCE - Isaiah 3:8-9
- B) The evidence of a humble HEART - Psalm 10:2-6
- C) The evidence of Spirit FULNESS - Eccl. 8:1 | Prov. 15:13

III. A Divine Courage - Acts 7:1-2 | Timothy 3:13

- A) Courage of a divine sense of PLACE - Esther 4:13-16
- B) Courage of a divine sense of PURPOSE - Jer. 1:4-10
- C) Courage of a divine sense of POWER - Luke 21:12-15

IV. A Divine Conviction - Acts 7:2-54

- A) The Word was preached in CONTEXT - vs. 2-41
- B) The Word was preached in CLARITY - vs. 42-50
- C) The Word was preached in CONNECTION - vs. 51-54

V. A Divine Conclusion - Acts 7:55-60

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Tertullian

- A) A divine seed planted by his CONFESSION - vs. 55-56
- B) A divine seed planted by his SUBMISSION - vs. 57-59
- C) A divine seed planted by his PETITION - vs. 60