

## **“GOSPEL PASSION”**

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Acts 7:54-Acts 8:1-4 (NASB95)

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### **1. GOSPEL PASSION RECEIVES HONOR**

**Acts 7:54–60 (NASB95)** <sup>54</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; <sup>56</sup>and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

### **2. GOSPEL PASSION DISPLAYS LOVE.**

<sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. <sup>58</sup>When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” <sup>60</sup>Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” Having said this, he fell asleep.

### **3. GOSPEL PASSION INSTIGATES CONFLICT.**

**Acts 8:1-4 (NASB95)** <sup>1</sup>Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup>Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

### **4. GOSPEL PASSION INSPIRES MISSIONS.**

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.