

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

A Gospel Worth Dying For (Part 1)

Acts 6:8-8:4

September 16, 2018

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. [9] Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. [10] But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. [11] Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." [12] And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, [13] and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, [14] for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." [15] And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.</p> <p>[7:1] And the high priest said, "Are these things so?"</p>	<p>The gospel of Jesus Christ is the only way for people to be saved from their sins, so it is always worth preaching – even when the anger of the unrepentant rages against those preaching.</p> <p>I. Stephen (6:8-15)</p> <p>II. The Charges against Stephen (6:11-7:1)</p> <p>III. Stephen's response (7:2-53)</p> <p>A. Abraham to Joseph and the hard hearts of the brothers. (7:1-16)</p> <p>B. Moses and the hard hearts of the people. (7:17-44)</p> <p>C. Joshua to David to Solomon to Temple and the hard hearts of the people. (7:45-53)</p> <p>IV. The Sentence on Stephen (7:54-60)</p> <p>V. The Results of Stephen's martyrdom (8:1-4)</p> <p>Memory verse for 2018-</p> <p>Isaiah 64:1-2</p> <p>[1] Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—</p> <p>[2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

1. The passage describes Stephen as a man "full of grace and power". What does this mean and do you know anyone that could be described as such?

2. What can we learn from Stephen's response to the allegations that he was disrespecting Moses, the Temple, and the Law?

3. Discuss this statement from John Stott-
"What Jesus taught, then, was that the temple and the law would be superseded, meaning not that they had never been divine gifts in the first place, but that they would find their God-intended fulfillment in him, the Messiah. Jesus was and is himself the replacement of the temple and the fulfillment of the law."

4. How might we guard against hard hearts toward God's word?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: