

# The Persecution of Stephen

## Acts 7

### I. Introduction

- Hebrews 11:30-38
- Faith does not mean deliverance from sickness and hardship.
- Faith means to be faithful to God regardless of the outcome.
- Stephen was a man of faith.

### II. The Message of Stephen

-3 Themes in Stephen's message:

- 1.) God's blessings were not limited to the land of Palestine or to the temple.
- 2.) God's plan of redemption went through many changes throughout the O.T.
- 3.) God's people, Israel, evidenced a pattern of opposition to God's message and God's men.

-Themes illustrated in the lives and ministries of these 4 O.T. saints:

- 1.) Abraham (1-8)
- 2.) Joseph (v9-16)
- 3.) Moses (v17-43)
- 4.) Solomon (v44-50)

### III. The Rejection of Stephen

- Stephen's indictment of the Jewish leaders
- Stephen's vision of Jesus standing in heaven
- Stephen's death by stoning

### Application

- Stephen knew His Bible well... do you?