

JESUS CONTINUED

BY THE SPIRIT, THROUGH THE CHURCH, IN THE WORLD

The Church Triumphant

Acts 6 (p. 914)

The Threat of Division among the Believers

Growth in a church will often lead to problems within that church.

Problems within a church, when resolved, won't prevent growth in that church.

Solution: A division of ministry

The Threat of Opposition against the Gospel

His opponents accused him of saying that...

Jesus will destroy the temple of God.

Jesus will change the customs of Moses.

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. How do the ministries of Elders and Deacons basically correspond to the ministries of the Apostles and the Seven? How does the priority of preaching, with prayer, come through in Acts 6? How is the necessity of practical care also seen?
3. What two things did Steven's opponents accuse him of teaching? What did Jesus say about destroying this temple and how was it fulfilled? How would the customs of Moses, for example the Passover, be changed by Christ and the gospel?
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
5. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
6. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
7. How were you encouraged by this passage?
8. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?