

JESUS CONTINUED

BY THE SPIRIT, THROUGH THE CHURCH, IN THE WORLD

The Church (still) Triumphant

Acts 7 (p. 914)

The Message of Stephen

You are restricting God's Presence

We must not allow buildings or traditions to
impede God's Spirit and our mission.

You are rejecting God's Savior

We must not resist God's Spirit and fail to
recognize and receive Jesus as God's Savior.

The Martyrdom of Stephen

The Church Triumphant is evident when believers
are fruitful in growth and when believers
are faithful unto death.

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. What two statements summarize what Stephen is saying in his sermon? What parts of Israel's history demonstrated his points? How does this apply to the church today?
3. Notice the two prayers of Stephen as he is being stoned, and look to Luke 23:34, 46 for similar prayers Jesus prayed. How are fruitfulness in growth and faithfulness in death both examples of the church being triumph?
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?