

Unstoppable: The Story of the Church in Acts
Strength to Stand Alone
Acts 7:54-60

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Acts 6:8 (ESV)

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 7:54 (ESV)

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

Acts 7:55 (ESV)

But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

Acts 7:56 (ESV)

And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Acts 7:57 (ESV)

But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.

Acts 7:58 (ESV)

Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 7:59 (ESV)

And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Acts 7:60 (ESV)

And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

1. The Attackers Stephen Faced

Acts 7:54 (ESV)

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

2. The Vision Stephen Saw

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But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

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And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Luke 22:69 (ESV)

But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

Psalms 110:1 (ESV)

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Colossians 3:1 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. The Death Stephen Died

Acts 7:57 (ESV)

But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.

Acts 7:58a (ESV)

Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him.

4. The Testimony Stephen Gave

Acts 7:59 (ESV)

And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Acts 7:60 (ESV)

And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

5. The Legacy Stephen Left

Acts 7:58b (ESV)

And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 8:1 (ESV)

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 8:2 (ESV)

Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him.

Acts 8:3 (ESV)

But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Acts 22:20 (ESV)

And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.