

"THY MARTYR STEPHEN"

ACTS 7:54-60

I. THE REASON STEPHEN DIED: THE PREACHING OF TRUTH (7:54)

- A. One Unsung Mark Of The Preaching Of Truth Is When People Become Angry
 - 1. The Hearts Of The Persecutors Had Been Literally "Sawn Asunder"
 - 2. Stephen Actually Turned The Tables On The Statement In Hebrews 11:37
- B. The Visible Result Of Stephen's Preaching Was A Prefiguring Of People In Eternal Torment In Hell

II. HOW STEPHEN DIED: A DESCRIPTIVE ODYSSEY (7:55-56)

- A. Full Of The Holy Ghost (7:55a)
- B. Experiencing The Presence Of Christ In An Unusual Way (7:55b-56)
- C. With Great Violence (7:57-58a)
 - 1. Verbal Violence (7:57a)
 - 2. Physical Violence (7:57b-58a)
 - i. They Rushed Him Outside The City
 - ii. They Stoned Him
- D. In Prayer For Himself (7:59)
- E. In Intercession For His Murderers (7:60a)
- F. Buried Under A Pile Of Rocks But In The Presence Of Christ (7:60b)