

ACTS 6-7 Notes

1. Stephen full of _____ and _____ was performing great _____ and _____. He was chosen to help feed the _____, ensuring that all received a fair portion of food. But it looks like Stephen's focus was _____ food.

2. Acts records miracles accompanying the ministries of 3 people who were not apostles. _____ was the one we just read about. _____
In Acts 8:6-7, 13, 39-40. _____ in Acts 14:3 and 15:12.

3. How did Stephen's opponents twist his teaching for their sinful purposes? Who else did this happen to?

4. What do you learn about the nature and source of opposition? How can believers ensure we are not part of the angry religious crowd?

5. Amid the lies of his accusers, we see Stephen's powerful gospel message. He preached:

A. The good news that Jesus is the _____ and _____ Temple.

B. Jesus fulfilled all the _____ Law.

C. God meets His people in _____, not in a _____ made with human hands. Mark 14:58

D. Jesus _____ the law, He did not _____ it.
Mt. 5:17-20

E. God saves by _____ through _____ in Christ, not by keeping the law. Rom. 3:23-24

Take away #1 To be _____ with the Holy Spirit we must first be _____ of self.

When we are empty of self the Holy Spirit can flow through us and bless other people. Do I determine my agenda each day or does the Spirit? How is grace

manifested in my life? What does my countenance reveal about what is in my heart?

6. God's _____ did not depend on the _____ ("this holy place"). God revealed Himself to Abraham when he lived among the moon worshippers of Mesopotamia.

7. God gave Abraham no _____ here. In the land God promised to give him and his descendants, he only owned a _____. Far better than physical possessions, Abraham possessed God's _____.

8. When Abraham was not yet a _____, God spoke of his _____. For 400 years your descendants will be strangers...

9. God promised to _____ Abraham's descendants, so they could "worship _____ in this place".

10. As a sign and _____ of His promises, God "gave Abraham the _____ of circumcision." God pledged Himself to Abraham. As baptism is for Christians, circumcision was a sign that Abraham and his descendants _____ to God.

11. Stephen proved from scripture that only God's _____ makes a place holy. These people worshipped the temple instead of the _____ of the temple.

12. What was the tabernacle?

13. Who had the temple built?

14. The temple and everything in it point to _____. Despite all their Bible knowledge, the Sanhedrin has missed the temple's _____.

15. Now the real temple--the Lord _____, _____, God with us --had come and they _____ Him.

Take away #2 _____ the Spirit results in _____

loss. How am I guilty of resisting the Holy Spirit when His plan is different than my own? We often want to be comfortable. What is more important to feel comfortable or doing God's will?

16. Stephen changed from storyteller to prophet, making 3 strong charges against his accusers. Their ancestors had:

A. _____ the Holy Spirit.

B. _____ the law of Moses.

C. _____ and _____ those "who predicted the coming of the Righteous One.

17. How did God comfort Stephen during his persecution?

18. How did Stephen show the likeness of Christ as he was put to death? (See Luke 23:34)

19. When is it difficult for you to show the likeness of Christ to others?

20. When earthly judges _____ Stephen, the greater court of God's justice _____ him fully!

Take away #3 _____ to self results in _____ fruit.

When we face suffering the right response is to die to self. In what areas of your life do you need to take up your cross and die to self?