

## **The Early Church is Tested - Part 4**

### **Test 4: Persecution of the Church (Acts 6:8-8:4)**

- I. Like the Apostles, Stephen lived a Christ-filled \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 6:8)
- II. Like the Apostles, Stephen \_\_\_\_\_ great wonders and miraculous signs (Acts 6:8b)
- III. Like the Apostles, Stephen faces \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 6:9-12)
- IV. Like the Apostles, Stephen is brought before Sanhedrin (Acts 6:12b-7:1)
- V. Stephen addresses the Sanhedrin (Acts 7:2-53)
  - The Jews had three great false pillars of their faith:
  - A. The land – Holy Ground is wherever God \_\_\_\_\_ His people not just the Promised Land (Acts 7:2-36)
  - B. The Law – \_\_\_\_\_ is though Christ alone not Moses or the Law (Acts 7:37-43)
  - C. The temple – True worship comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ not a building (Acts 7:44-50)
- VI. Stephen accused the Sanhedrin of being just like their fathers (Acts 7:51-53)
  - A. They \_\_\_\_\_ resisted the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51)
  - B. They rejected and \_\_\_\_\_ the Messiah (Acts 7:52)
  - C. They \_\_\_\_\_ the law (Acts 7:53)
- VII. The death of Stephen (7:54-8:1a)
  - A. The response of the Sanhedrin to Stephen's message (Uncontrollable \_\_\_\_\_) (Acts 7:54)
  - B. Stephen sees Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ at the right hand of God (Acts 7:55-56)
  - C. The Sanhedrin \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen (Acts 7:57-58)
  - D. Stephen's final \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 7:59-8:1a)
- VIII. The results of Stephen's death (Acts 8:1b-4)
  - A. The Church in Jerusalem begins to face \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 8:1b-3)
  - B. Because of the persecution, the gospel begins to \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:4)

### **Questions to ponder**

- I. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ with your possessions or your national pride instead of being ready to follow God's Will?
- II. Are you obsessed with church \_\_\_\_\_ or
- III. Do we \_\_\_\_\_ our worship to Sunday morning?
- IV. Are you taking the \_\_\_\_\_ with you as you go?
- V. Where is God trying to \_\_\_\_\_ you?