

ACTS
OF THE

HOLY
SPIRIT

Stephen's Story
Acts 7

Objectives of Series:

1. That we embrace, welcome, the 3rd person of the Trinity, the HS; that our fears of the HS would be replaced by our friendship with the HS.
2. That we become reliant upon the power of the HS so that our verbal witness of Jesus might be filled with the HS.
3. That we be re-invigorated by the HS so that we might be useful for the purposes of the HS, whatever that might be.

Main Idea:

Stephen's example of being open and obedient to the Holy Spirit, no matter the cost, is a model for us to follow in our circumstances

Outline:

- 1. The Accusation (6:8-15)**
- 2. Stephen's Defense (7:51-53)**
- 3. The Catalyst for Jesus's Promise to be Fulfilled (7:54-60, 8:1)**

1. The Accusation

- Chapter 6:8-15
- Stephen's role as a deacon
- Interactions with the Synagogue
- “The Spirit by which he was speaking”
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

2. Stephen's Defense

-Chapter 7:51-53

-Stephen's defense of the false accusations

-“You are always resisting the Holy Spirit”

-A misunderstanding of the purpose of the Law

3. The Catalyst for Jesus's Promise to be Fulfilled

-Chapter 7:54-60, 8:1

-Contentment in the Spirit, no matter the consequences

-Joy in the midst of suffering

-The promise fulfilled

-Acts 8:1 fulfilling Acts 1:8

Next Steps.

- 1. Continue reading the book of Acts for this series.**
- 2. Keep a journal of what the HS says to you during your readings.**
- 3. Continue memory verses**