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**Acts 7:54-60**

*The Stoning of Stephen*

Intro

**A. THE RESPONSE OF THE SANHEDRIN (Acts 7:54).**

 1. Cut to the quick.

 2. Gnashing their teeth.

 3. Their proud heart.

**B. THE VISION OF STEPHEN (Acts 7:55-56).**

1. Filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:55).

 2. The heavens opened (Acts 7:55).

 3. The “Son of Man standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:56).

**C. THE DEATH OF STEPHEN (Acts 7:57-8:1).**

 1. Their rage (Acts 7:57).

 2. The stoning (Acts 7:58-59).

 3. The last words of Stephen (Acts 7:59-60).

 a. “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit”.

 b. “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

 4. Stephen’s sleep.

**D. WHY DID STEPHEN HAVE TO DIE?**

 1. Our days are numbered by God.

 2. In death we are conformed to His death.

 3. When unbelievers kill Christians, the unbeliever does not win.

 4. Psa. 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His godly ones.

 5. Good out of evil.

 Conclusion