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**Acts 8:1-4**

*Providential Persecution*

Intro

**A. STEPHEN’S MARTYRDOM IGNITED PERSECUTION (Acts 7:58-60; 8:1, 3).**

1. The role of Saul (Acts 7:58; 8:1, 3).

 a. The pedigree of Saul.

 b. The persecution of Saul (Acts 8:1, 3).

 2. The burial of Stephen (Acts 8:2).

 3. The persecution spread in Jerusalem (Acts 8:1).

**B. PERSECUTION IGNITED DISPERSION (Acts 8:1, 4).**

 1. The church was scattered throughout Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:1).

 2. As OT Israel was dispersed so was the church.

**C. DISPERSION IGNITED EVANGELISM (Acts 8:1, 4).**

 1. Providence and persecution.

 2. Persecution and the Great Commission (Acts 8:1, 4).

 3. Rank and file evangelism.

Conclusion