

The Making and Ministry of a Man of God

Acts 6:5-8:2

The martyrdom of Stephen was a turning-point in the growth of the church. Stephen's diaconate rose from the pressures of growth, and ended with the persecution and scattering of the disciples, thereby fulfilling the Lord's command (Matt 28:19) to go to 'all nations'. Even more striking are the many ways Stephen reflected the life and death of his Master. Here we learn from the classic 'man of God'.

I. The making of a man of God (6:5-10)

II. The powers' response to a man of God (6:11-15)

III. The preaching of a man of God (7:1-53)

IV. The death and impact of a man of God (7:54 - 8:2)