



## SERMON NOTES

November 29, 2015

Scripture: Acts 7:54 – 8:4 (NAS)

Topic: "A Great Persecution"

- 54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him.
- 55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;
- 56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."
- 57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.
- 58 When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.
- 59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"
- 60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.
  
- 1 Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- 2 Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.
- 3 But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.
- 4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.