Acts 7 Stephen's Defense And Stoning

I. <u>Stephen's Defense</u> (vv. 1-53) (Denies The Charge Of Speaking Against Moses)

- A. A Review Of The Nation Of Israel (vv. 1-50).
 - 1. The call of Abraham and the promise (vv. 1-8).
 - 2. Joseph and the patriarchs in Egypt (vv. 9-16).
 - 3. Moses: God's deliverer (vv. 17-43).
 - a. Delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt (vv. 17-36).
 - b. Promised that God would raise up another like himself (v. 37).
 - c. Was resisted by Israel (vv. 38-43).
 - 4. The tabernacle and the temple (vv. 44-50).
- B. *You Resist God Like Your Fathers* (vv. 51-53).
 - 1. Stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears (v. 51a).
 - 2. Your fathers persecuted the prophets who foretold of Christ (vv. 51b-52a).
 - 3. You betrayed and murdered Christ (v. 52b).
 - 4. You have not kept the law (v. 53).

II. Stephen's Stoning (vv. 54-60)

- A. The Jews were cut to the heart and gnashed at him (v. 54).
- B. Stephen saw Jesus (vv. 55-56).
- C. The Jews cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears and ran at him (v. 57).
- D. The Jews stoned Stephen (vv. 58-60a).
- E. Stephen died (v. 60b).

~ Key Verse: 51 ~