

LESSON 10



Chapter 7:54 – 8:3

Stephen is the first Christian to die for his faith in Jesus.

⁵⁴When those in the council meeting heard this, they became very angry. They were so mad they were grinding their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit. He looked up into heaven and saw the glory of God. And he saw Jesus standing at God's right side. ⁵⁶Stephen said, "Look! I see heaven open. And I see the *Son of Man* standing at God's right side."

⁵⁷Everyone there started shouting loudly, covering their ears with their hands. Together they all ran at Stephen. ⁵⁸They took him out of the city and began throwing stones at him. The men who told lies against Stephen gave their coats to a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹As they were throwing the stones at him, Stephen was praying. He said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" ⁶⁰He fell on his knees and shouted, "Lord, don't blame them for this sin!" These were his last words before he died.

¹⁻³Saul agreed that the killing of Stephen was a good thing. Some godly men buried Stephen and cried loudly for him. On that day the Jews began to *persecute* the *church* in Jerusalem, making them suffer very much.

NEW WORDS?

grinding

glory

blame

LET'S PRACTICE!

"Yes" or "No"

_____ Did the Jewish leaders think Stephen was like Jesus?

_____ Did Stephen see Jesus?

_____ Was Stephen angry at the Jews?

_____ Was Stephen willing to die for Jesus?

For discussion:

For what kind of things are people willing to die?