

Faithfully and Boldly Witness to Christ Because:

- I. Your Savior Jesus Christ Reigns (7:54-56)
 - A. Jesus Christ Is Enthroned and Glorified (Rev 1:12-16)
 - B. The Lord Jesus Is Your Heavenly Advocate (Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; 9:24)
 - C. The Son of Man Reigns with an Everlasting Dominion (Matt 26:64–65; Daniel 7:13–14; Psalm 2; 110)
- II. What Can Mortal Man Do to You? (7:57-60; Luke 23:34; 12:4-5; Ps 118:6; John 16:33; Rom 8:37-39)
- III. He Works All Things Together for Your Good and His Glory (7:57, 8:1; Rom 8:28)
- IV. The Gospel Must Go to All Nations (8:1-4; 1:8; Matt 28:18-20)

“Whether or not Stephen perceived the full implications of his vision, ‘the presence of the Son of Man at God’s right hand meant that for his people a way of access to God had been opened up more immediate and heart-satisfying than the temple ritual could provide’. Jesus fulfills and replaces the temple and the sacrificial system and provides a way of approach to God for people from every nation.” —David G. Peterson

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. How is Stephen able to remain a faithful witness to Jesus Christ to the end?
2. How does the death of Stephen lead not to fear, but continued bold proclamation of the gospel?
3. How can you respond to opposition to Christ with boldness and faithful witness?