

SERMON NOTES
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Christ-Like
Acts 6:8-9, 12-13; Acts 7:54-60

“Everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.”
–Jesus (Luke 6:40)

Same outcome

Same place

Same charge (Matt. 26:64)

Same attitude/words (Luke 23:46)

Romans 8:29 “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.”

- Play to win

- Love our enemies

Matthew 12:24, 31 ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.” ³¹ “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.”

- Live without fear (even of death)

Philippians 3:10 “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.”

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⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, *including* both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen.

¹²And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they came up to him and dragged him away and brought him before the Council. ¹³They put forward false witnesses who said, “This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law.”

^{7:54}Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they *began* gnashing their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But 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; ⁵⁶and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. ⁵⁸When 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. ⁵⁹They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!”

⁶⁰Then 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.