

# portrait of a martyr

*Acts 6:8–8:1*

## ***I. He Ministered in the Power of the Spirit (6:8–7:1).***

- A. What did God record about Stephen (6:8, 15)?
  - 1. His testimony (6:8).
  - 2. His appearance (6:15).
- B. How did hardened sinners discredit him (6:9–15)?
  - 1. By setting up false witnesses (6:10–11, 13–14).
  - 2. By stirring up religious zealots (6:12).

## ***II. He Spoke with Boldness for God (7:2–53).***

- A. The central message of Stephen's sermon.
- B. The significant method of Stephen's defense (7:2–53).
  - 1. Historical record (7:2-50).
  - 2. Personal responsibility (7:51–53).

## ***III. He Died for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (7:54–8:2).***

- A. He saw Jesus; they saw a "blasphemer" (7:54–56).
- B. They resorted to \_\_\_\_\_;  
he to \_\_\_\_\_ (7:57–8:2).