# The Sword In The Hands Of Stephen

Acts 7:51-60

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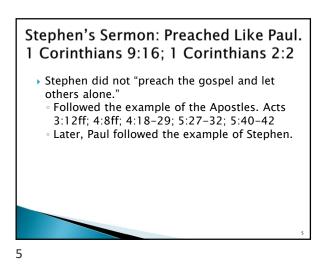
### **The Bible stresses the importance of peace.** 1. God is the *"God of peace."*

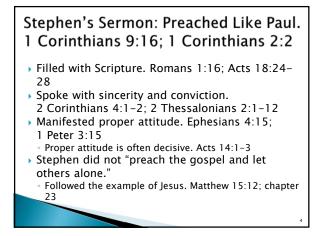
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- 2. Christ is the "Prince of peace." Isaiah 9:6
- Zacharias, prophesied that the Lord would bring peace to the obedient. Luke 1:76-79
   When Christ was born, the heavenly host
- sang, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased" Luke 2:14
- 5. The mission of Jesus was to bring peace. Ephesians 2:13-14; John 8:32

Not all peace is desirable or approved by Christ.
1. It should be noted that there is a type of peace that Jesus did NOT come to bring, and that is a FALSE peace. Matthew 10:34; cf. Luke 12:49–53
2. He would never advocate peace at the property of the type of the second secon

expense of truth. James 3:17; cf. Jeremiah 6:14

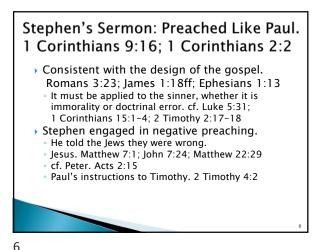
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- Stephen exposed specific sins.
   Jesus. "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity" Hebrews 1:9
- Paul. "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good" Romans 12:9
- David, "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way" Psalms 119:104

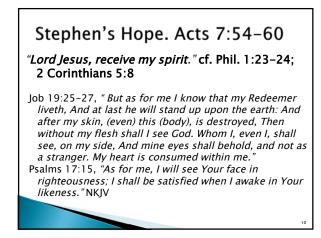
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- Stephen was silenced but his message lived on through others.
   The word is living. Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:25;
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   He was stoned outside the sity.
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- We are introduced to the young man Saul. Acts 7:58; cf. Acts 22:20

# Stephen's Death. Acts 7:54-60 Followed the example of Jesus. No help coming. John 17:26; Matthew 26:39; 27:46 Prayed for his persecutors. cf. Luke 23:34 He "fell asleep." cf. John 11:11; Thessalonians 4:13 Suggests rest. cf. Revelation 13:14 Suggest the resurrection. cf. Luke 16:19-31

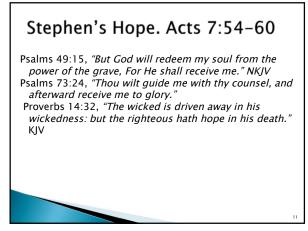
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