

**Acts 6:7-7:70**  
**Stephen's Sermon**

**Introduction:**

Luke records for us a remarkable historical sermon from various Old Testament texts. What is unusual is that Stephen is a deacon who has the gift of preaching. His name means "crown" from the Greek word Stephanos. He is crowned with grace and power from the Holy Spirit. (Acts 6:8) He has immense boldness fearing the Lord rather than man.

**I. THE NATURE OF STEPHEN'S SERMON**

**A. The first recorded Christian martyr**

1. A martyr is a witness – ( Acts 4:33; 10:43; 14:3, 17; 15:8; 22:15,20; 23:11; 26:16)
2. Paul speaks of Stephen's martyrdom – Acts 22:20

**B. General Characteristics:**

1. It is not an actual defense -
2. It is not like Peter's fiery sermon on Pentecost -
3. There is an absence of a Christology account –
4. There is a number of definite parts of men God raised up:  
Abraham – 7:2-8  
Joseph – 7:9-16  
Moses – 7:17-43  
Tabernacle – 7:44-50  
Accusations against the Sanhedrin – 7:51-53

**II. THE CONTENT OF STEPHEN'S SERMON – 7:1-60**

**A. The Call of Abraham:**

1. God appeared to Abraham in Mesopotamia – v.2
2. God appeared to Abraham – Gen. 31:29
3. Abraham remained a pilgrim in Canaan – v.5 cf. Heb. 11:9,10

**B. The Life of Joseph – v.9-16**

1. Joseph's brother's mistreated him
2. Joseph a type of Christ – Matt. 5:11, 12; 23:29-31

**C. Moses the Lawgiver – v.17-43; 7:30**

1. Moses was rejected by the Jewish people – v.27-35
2. Moses fled to Midian where God appeared to him – v.29 (Jam. 3:17; Acts 10:34; I Tim. 5:21)
3. Moses was rejected even after the Exodus ( Exo. 20:3; Amos 5:25-27)

**Turn To: John 5:39-47**

**D. Tabernacle and Temple**

1. The days of the temple were passing
2. The believer in Christ is the temple abode for the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 6:19,20; Matt. 24:2

**Summary:**

***Accusation against the Religious Leaders:***

1. They were resisting the Holy Spirit – v. 51
2. They were persecuting and killing the Prophets
3. They were breaking the Law of Moses

**Why was Jesus standing?**

1. Jesus stood to receive His martyr Stephen
2. Jesus stands for us in order to acknowledge us before His Father – Matt. 10:32