**8** This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.

Joshua 1:8 (HCSB)



6 Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

#### Philippians 4:6 (HCSB)



### Acts Part 15

# "The First Christian Martyr"



8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.



8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

3 Instead, brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

Acts 6:3 (NASB)

**5** The announcement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

17 These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:17-18 (NASB)

### 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

### Ephesians 5:17-19 (NASB)

18 And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; Ephesians 5:17-19 (NASB)

9 But 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.



32 As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they compelled to carry His cross.

### Matthew 27:32 (NASB)



3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the Law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today.

Acts 22:3 (NASB)

### 10 But they were unable to cope with his wisdom and the Spirit by whom he was speaking.





15 for I will provide you eloquence and wisdom which none of your adversaries will be able to oppose or refute.

#### Luke 21:15 (NASB)

59 Now the chief priests and the entire Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death.

### Matthew 26:59-61 (NASB)

60 They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, 61 and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days." Matthew 26:59-61 (NASB)

### 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."



12 And 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.

13 They put forward false witnesses who said, "This man does not stop speaking against this holy place and the Law; 14 for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses handed down to us."



19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and yet You will raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking about the temple of His body.

John 2:19-21 (NASB)

31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

### Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NASB)

32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NASB)

33 "For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord: "I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NASB)

34 They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember."

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NASB)

15 And all who were sitting in the Council stared at him, and they saw his face, which was like the face of an angel.



29 And it came about, when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony were in Moses' hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him.

Exodus 34:29 (NASB)



7 The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away.

2 Corinthians 3:7-11 (NLT)



8 Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life? 9 If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God!

2 Corinthians 3:7-11 (NLT)

**10 In fact, that first glory was not** glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. 11 So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever!

2 Corinthians 3:7-11 (NLT)

2 Set your minds on the things *that are* above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Colossians 3:2-4 (NASB)



