

Scripture reading: Acts 6:1-7

Message: Acts 7:55-58, 8:1-8

I. Persecution has begun

- A. Started with arrests
- B. It has now moved to violence
- C. We have our first martyr, Stephen *Acts 7:59-60*

II. The church is scattered

- A. The church was never meant to stay in Jerusalem *Matthew 28:19-20*
- B. Persecution scattered the church
- C. The church grew despite persecution *v.4*

III. The first missionary

- A. Philip, also a deacon *Acts 6:5*
- B. Philip is the first to be called an evangelist *Acts 21:8*
- C. When you see Philip, he is preaching Jesus

IV. What about the church today, does it need scattered?

- A. Budgets spent for the comfort of the members, very little for outreach
- B. Living in past glory
- C. Looking inward, not out
- D. Preaching a social gospel, not the true gospel

V. In your daily life

- A. Be a Philip, tell people about Jesus
- B. Allow the Lord to make you uncomfortable
- C. Pray for the persecuted church

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