

**“I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED,  
AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD”**  
ACTS 7:54-60

*Stephen enrages the hard-hearted Sadducees because he speaks words of light;*

**JOHN 3:19-20**

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

*Stoning was the prescribed punishment for blasphemy;*

**LEVITICUS 24:16**

Whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him...

*The stoning was to be done outside the city;*

**LEVITICUS 24:14**

Bring out of the camp the one who cursed...and let all the congregation stone him.

*The first stones were to be thrown by the prosecuting witnesses;*

**DEUTERONOMY 17:7**

The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

*Even Stephen's words are like Christ;*

**LUKE 23:46**

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" ...

*We are not called to die for Christ, but to live for him;*

**ROMANS 12:1-2**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...