

# Empowered By The Spirit: Standing Tall

Acts 6:8-7:60

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The name Stephen means “a crown.” The Greek word was used for the crown of victory received by the winner in the Olympic games.

What a perfect name for the one who stood tall on his final day and was crowned with the first Christian martyr’s crown.

Stephen’s example shows us how to live and how to die . . .



*Live like you will  
meet Jesus today!*

Stephen’s example motives us to:

- 1) **Live** as Jesus did. Acts 6:8-15
  - full of **grace** Acts 6:8,15
  - with the **Spirit’s power** Acts 6:8;2:22;1:8
  - with **wisdom** from God Acts 6:10; James 1:5
  - prepared for **rejection** Acts 6:12
  
- 2) **Speak** as Jesus did. Acts 7:1-53

*Stephen contrasted the false confidence, the “sacred cows” of Judaism, with the true confidence in God’s Son, Jesus Christ.*

Sacred Cows:

  - The **Land** Acts 7:2-36
  - The **Law** and **Moses** Acts 7:37-43
  - The **Temple** Acts 7:44-50
  
- 3) **Die** as Jesus did. Acts 7:54-60
  - Look to God **with hope**. Acts 7:55-56;59
  - Let **grace** overflow. Acts 7:60

***Am I ready to meet Jesus?***

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