Servants Willing To Suffer

(Study of Acts #7)

Acts 6:1-7; 8-15 Pastor Phil Winfield October 19, 2008

- 1) A church that obeys the Great Commission will have:
 - a) Going pains: Acts 5:40-42
 - b) Growing pains: 6:1a
 - c) Growing **problems** 6:1b
 - i) Neglect
 - ii) Murmuring
 - iii) Division
 - d) Growing danger 6:2b, 4
 - i) That the preachers stops praying
 - ii) That the preachers stops preaching
- 2) A church that obeys the great commission **must** have:
 - a) Simple organization 6:2a
 - b) **Spirit filled** servants 6:3
 - c) Steady leadership 6:4
 - d) Spiritual congregation 6:5-6
- 3) A church that obeys the great commission **might** have:
 - a) Servants that suffer **misunderstanding** 6:10
 - b) Servants that are misrepresented 6:11-14
 - c) Servants that suffer <u>martyrdom</u> 7:54-60

Notice that Stephen stood up for Jesus and then Jesus stood up for Him