Acts of the Apostles

[The Ministry of Stephen (Part 1) (Acts 6:8-7:1)]

I. Stephen’s Arrest (6:8-7:1)

 -The ability to perform wonders and signs wasn’t limited exclusively to the apostles (Acts 6:8; 8:6, 7;

 14:3). See 1 Cor. 12:29, 302 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3, 4).

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 -Stephen’s performance of wonders and signs was accompanied by preaching (vs. 8-10). See Acts 2:43;

 4:29-31; 5:12.

 -Stephen was falsely charged with blasphemy (6:11, 13, 14). See Matt. 5:17; 26:61; John 2:19.

 -Stephen’s face was like an angel’s (Ex. 34:29-35; Luke 9:29).

Practical Lessons

1) Expect opposition.

2) Understand God’s Word.

3) Be faithful and forthright in your testimony.

4) Be holy.