Book of Acts

Lesson 12

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**STUDENT OUTLINE**

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1. **Ministry Expansion *- Acts 6:1-5***
   1. If a church is going to be able to sustain growth…
   2. It must minister to the needs of people
   3. It must involve more leaders
   4. It must have a standard of who can serve
   5. Leaders must be given to prayer and the word
2. **Stephen & Fullness**
   1. The emphasis on Stephens life was “fullness”
      1. Full of the Spirit
      2. Full of Wisdom
      3. Full of faith
      4. Full of God’s grace
      5. Full of God’s power
      6. Influential leader
      7. Was not an apostle
3. **Persecution - *Acts 6:9-15***
   1. Persecution is part of being a disciple
   2. There are only three things to do with truth
   3. Accept it and live by it
   4. Deny it and ignore it
   5. Resist it and fight against it
4. **Stephens Message**
   1. Each of the people mentioned is a TYPE OF CHRIST in some way.
   2. ***Abraham - Acts 7:1-8***
      1. The **FIRST** **TIME**, Abram’s father Terah set out for Canaan, but only got as far as Haran and decided to live there until he died (Genesis 11:31).
      2. The **SECOND TIME**, God spoke His great covenant to Abram and he set out for a land that he had never seen (Genesis 12:1-3).
   3. ***Joseph - Acts 7:9-16***
      1. **The FIRST TIME**, Joseph was rejected by his brethren, betrayed for pieces of silver, and falsely accused by Potiphar’s wife.

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* + 1. The **SECOND TIME**, given a name (Zaphnathpaaneah / Jerome said it means “Savior of the World”) to which every knee bows, and accepted by his brethren.
  1. ***Moses - Acts 7:17-36***
     1. **The FIRST TIME**, Moses escaped being slain at the time of his birth, then his family was protected in Egypt until he grew. However, when he tried to help his fellow Israelites, he was rejected (“Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?”).
     2. **The SECOND TIME**, Moses appears to his brethren with the name he received at the burning bush (“I Am That I Am”), and he brings them out of Egypt with miracles, signs and wonders.
  2. ***A New Temple -*** Acts 7:46-50
     1. Stephen wraps up His message
     2. the FIRST temple is being phased out for the SECOND temple
  3. ***You Rejected Jesus – the Messiah***
     1. Israel didn’t listen to Moses
     2. Israel didn’t listen to Aaron
     3. Israel didn’t listen to the prophets
     4. And Israel missed the point
     5. The **FIRST TIME**, Israel resisted and killed the prophets and Jesus. **Jesus was rejected the “first time”!**
     6. But the **SECOND TIME** He will be returning as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
        1. ***Acts 7:13***
        2. ***Zechariah 13:6***
        3. ***Revelation 1:7-8***
        4. ***Hebrews 9:28***