

STEPHEN ACTS 6:8-15

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

WAS FULL OF GOD. When we are controlled by the Holy Spirit, God's grace does great things. Grace is God's divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life. James Strong, *Dictionary of the New Testament*, #5485. (**Acts 6:8-10, fn 6:8-10, Ephesians 5:17, 18, fn 5:18, II Timothy 2:1, fn 2:1, Hebrews 4:16, fn 4:16, Hebrews 12:15, fn 12:15, Romans 5:1**) *How are you controlled by the Holy Spirit? What hinders your relationship with Christ?*

WAS ACCUSED OF BLASPHEMY. The same accusations were made against Christ. Jesus Christ *is* the House, the Temple of God. The Holy Spirit wants us to follow Jesus, not tradition. (**Acts 6:11-14, fn 6:11, fn 6:14, John 2:18-22, fn 2:21, 22, Matthew 26:57-67, fn 26:60, 61, Colossians 2:6-10, fn 2:8**) *Why are we sometimes unable to see the Holy Spirit working in people's lives?*

HAD THE FACE OF AN ANGEL. Stephen's countenance was the radiance of Christ in him. (**Acts 6:15, Exodus 34:28-35, fn 34:28-35, Psalms 34:5, Matthew 17:1-3, II Corinthians 3:7-18, fn 3:13-18, Colossians 1:27 fn 1:26, 27**) *How does Stephen, as pictured in 6:15, illustrate a wonderful, personal relationship with Christ?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?