

# NO GREATER LOVE THAN ACTS 7:54-60

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

BACKGROUND: It is possible to love the unlovable as Stephen did. By faith and controlled by the Holy Spirit, we can love with Christ's love!

**LOVE THAT SEES**—Not only did Stephen see the Lord and His glory, the Lord saw him! If we want others to see the love of the Lord in us, we must trust the Holy Spirit to control us. (Acts 7:54-56, fn 7:55-58, Hebrews 11:24-28, fn 11:24-28, I John 4:7-12, fn 4:12[1<sup>st</sup>]) *How is the Holy Spirit using you for others to see that God is love?*

**LOVE THAT FORGIVES**—Stephen saw his persecutors as Jesus saw His—in need of a Savior! Vindication is the Lord's business, not ours. (Acts 7:57-60, fn 7:60, Luke 6:27-38, fn 6:27, fn 6:37, 38, Matthew 6:14, 15, fn 6:14, 15, Romans 12:14-21, fn 12:17-21, fn 12:19-21) *What needs to change in your life for you to have a forgiving spirit?*

**LOVE THAT SACRIFICES**—Unconditional love makes possible unconditional sacrifices! If we make any sacrifices or do any work without love, it is useless before God. (Acts 7:59, 60, I Corinthians 13:1-13, fn 13:4-7, fn 13:13) *How do your work habits in the home demonstrate unconditional love? Ask your spouse if she feels that you have sacrificial love.*

*Pray for one another's needs.*

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