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The Grace of God and the Rebellion of Man

Acts 6:8-8:3

Context – Spiritual Warfare Against a Spirit-Filled Man – 6:8-15

Stephen, the first martyr, was said to have the “face of an angel” ...

He _____ Christ and His ...

Grace

Power

Wisdom

He _____ in Christ’s ...

Accusations

Rejections

Death

The Martyr’s Message – 7:1-53

Our story is a story of God’s _____ and _____ repeatedly revealed to us.

He sovereignly chose _____ (and through him, us) to be His people.

He honored and protected his _____ through multiple generations.

He delivered us from captivity in Egypt through _____.

He showed his glory in the giving of the _____ to guide us.

But despite God’s goodness and grace, you have repeatedly _____ against Him and _____ His messengers.

You are like Joseph’s brothers ...

You are like the Hebrew captives who rejected Moses ...

You are like the idolatrous worshippers who enticed Aaron to make a golden calf...

You have settled for an empty, godless _____ that has left you in darkness and sin.

Your necks are “_____” ...

Your hearts are “_____” ...

You _____ resist God ...

And the apex of your rebellion is the _____ and _____ of Jesus.

The Response of the Rebellious – 7:54-8:3

In a word, _____

... which led to Stephen’s _____ and intense _____ and _____ of the Church.

Four Takeaways:

Know that God is _____ but not _____ patient with the rebellious.

Romans 2:4-8

Don’t presume upon God’s _____.

1 Corinthians 10:6-11

Don’t mistake empty religion for _____.

Mark 7:6-9

Whatever it costs now, know that _____.

Matthew 5:10-12; 2 Timothy 2:12; 2 Cor. 4:17-18