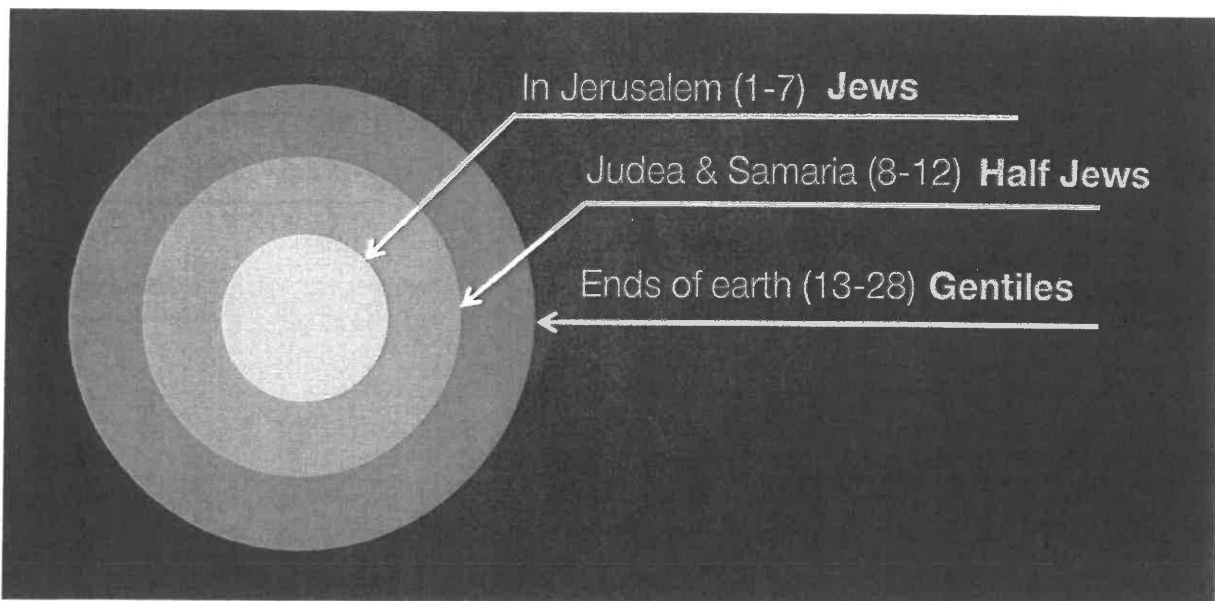


# Power From on High

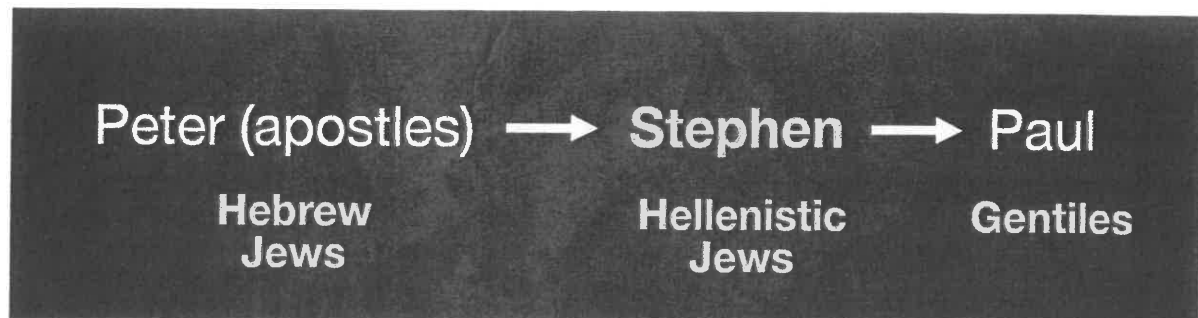
**Series:** Power From On High.  
**Title:** The Face of an Angel  
**Lesson:** 45

**Text:** Acts 6:8-15  
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**The book is organized according to the advancement of the gospel.**



**With each advance in geography, different people groups are reached.**



Acts 6:8–15 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. 9 But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cylisrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen. 10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.”

12 And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they came up to him and dragged him away and brought him before the Council. 13 They put forward false witnesses who said, “This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law; 14 for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us.” 15 And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the Council saw his face like the face of an angel.

**We \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Stephen had four virtues that we should strive to emulate.**

**1. He was \_\_\_\_\_.**

Acts 6:8–15 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

**Stephen was characterized in 6 ways:**

(3) - he had a **“good reputation”** and **“full of the Spirit”** and **“wisdom”**

(5) a man **“full of faith”**

(6) **“full of grace / power”**

**2. He had tremendous \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**“Synagogue of the Freedmen”**

**Paul was there at Stephen’s atoning.**

Acts 22:20 ‘And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the coats of those who were slaying him.’

**“rose up”**

**Satan’s strategies of attack**

1. Outside persecution
2. Corruption of sin from within
3. Disunity
4. Distraction
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. He was a skilled \_\_\_\_\_.

10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

**“cope with”** - Galatians 2:11

1 Peter 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

**“defense”** (apologeomai) -

2 Corinthians 10:5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

**10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.**

11 Then they secretly induced men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.”

Matthew 26:65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy;

**“Moses”** refers to Tora - 1st 5 books of O.T.

**“God”** [theos] - The one supreme supernatural Being as Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

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**“dragged”**

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Deuteronomy 17:6–7 “On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. 7 “The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

14 for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us.”

**So what did Jesus actually say about the temple and the Law?**

**1. He said that He would replace the temple.**

John 2:19–21 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

**2. He said He would fulfill the law.**

Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

**Don't be surprised that the truth we teach will be \_\_\_\_\_ by our enemies.**

**Paul's words are reassuring.**

2 Corinthians 2:16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?

**4. He had God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

15 And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the Council saw his face like the face of an angel.

### **Implication**

**Never underestimate the powerful effect of one  
\_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to speak truth.**

## Discussion Guide

1. Why is it so important that we be godly if we desire to have a major influence in our culture?
2. Why do you believe influential individuals are targets for Satan's attacks.

Do you believe that you are a target? If yes, why?  
If no, why?

3. How prepared is EastPointe to give a strong defense against error?

How proficient are you in your ability to debate the key doctrines of the faith.

4. How do you believe you would be perceived if you were arrested for your faith?
5. What was the lesson for you in today's sermon?

**ANSWERS:** gather, scatter, godly, impact, Influential,