

## **Background to Stephen's Death**

Acts 7:51-53; 28:25-26

- The Servant (Acts 6:1-15)
- The Sermon (Acts 7:1-53)
- The Sentiments

"furious" Acts 5:33; 7:54

"rushed at him" Acts 7:57; 19:29; Mt. 8:32

"full of the Holy Spirit" Acts 7:55; Col. 3:1

## What is death?

• Death is...

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

• Death is...

Genesis 2:15-16; 3:3; Romans 5:12

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Death serves us by becoming	
1.	A window
	Acts 7:41, 48, 55; Psalm 23:4
2.	A door
	Acts 7:55, 59; Psalm 23:4
3.	A reason
	Acts 7:60; Luke 23:34; Eccl. 7:2; John 10:10; 2 Cor. 12:7; 1 Cor. 5:5

• Death is ...

1 Corinthians 15:55-57; Isaiah 25:8