“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” – Tertullian

In the story of Stephen we find:

1. A faithful servant in the model of Christ (Acts 6:8-15)

Acts 6:8-15

Stephen walked in the Master’s footsteps:
1) A servant of widows
2) Full of grace

“One of the advantages of the grace of God is that it makes a man a gentleman without the aid of a dancing master.” - John Wesley

3) Ministering in power

Matthew 25:21

Matthew 20:26

4) Preaching in wisdom

Proverbs 9:10

5) Sharing in Christ’s suffering

Luke 21:12, 16-19

6) Radiating God’s glory (“the face of an angel”)


The idol of the Land (v. 2-36)
Abraham (v. 2-8)… Joseph (v. 9-16)… Moses (v. 17-36)
- Each of these heroes of the faith encountered God outside of the Promised Land.
- Some of God’s greatest miracles for the Jewish people happened outside the Promised Land.

The idol of the Law & Moses (v. 37-43)
Acts 7:37

The idol of the Temple (v. 44-50)

Acts 7:48-50

Galatians 3:10-14

Acts 7:51-53

3. A faithful martyr for the glory of Christ (Acts 7:54-60)

Acts 7:54-60

Psalm 116:15

James 1:12