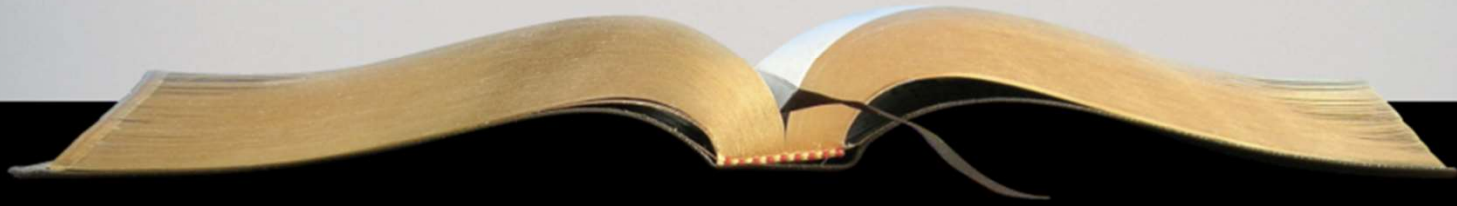


[Acts]

## Lesson 5

**The Church Chose Deacons;  
The Jews Killed Stephen.**

***(Acts 6-7)***



# 1. The Church in Jerusalem Had Problems.



Before problems for the church came  
from the Jewish leaders.

(Acts 3-4)



(Acts 6:1)

Now problems for the church came from the church **members**.

**Members** in the church in Jerusalem **complained** against **one another**.

\*Saved and Baptized—  
finished—join church



(Acts 6:1)

The Grecian widows in the church complained that the Hebrew members were neglecting (**not help**) them.

Grecians

Greek culture and language

Hebrews

Jewish culture and language





## 2. God Gave Teaching and Leading Responsibility to the Apostles.



(Acts 6:2, 4)

The Apostles said that they should not stop **praying** and **teaching** to care for the widows.

\*The apostles were doing the work of **pastors** (**elders**) –teaching and leading the church in Jerusalem.





### 3. Deacons (servants)





(Acts 6:3)

The apostles told the church to choose men to take responsibility for collecting and giving gifts in the church.



- \*Same as the church needs **pastors** (**elders**) for teaching and leading.
- \*Same the church needs **deacons** to serve other needs in the church.

[Greek] Pastor = **shepherd** // (elder = leader)

[Greek] Deacon = **servant**



# Deacons must be qualified (have good about)

(Acts 6:3)

**1. Church members (men)**

*“among you... men”*



**2. Good name “honest report”**

**3. Filled with Spirit**

*“full of the Holy Ghost”*

[Gal 5:23]— “fruit of the Spirit”

**4. Wise –Know how to do things**



(Acts 6:5-6)

The church chose seven men  
to be deacons.

(Acts 6:7) Now with more help, Bible  
teaching increased and spread.

Many were saved and the church grew.



## 4. Stephen Preached the Gospel.





(Acts 6:8-15)

Stephen was a great witness for Jesus.

Because the Jews could not answer Stephen, they angrily arrested him.





(Acts 7)

Stephen told the Jews that they were stubborn and rebellious same as their fathers (**Israel**) before.

\*Stephen said that he saw Jesus exalted and at God's Right Hand.



(Acts 7:54-60) The Jewish leaders were very angry and threw Stephen out of the city and stoned him to death.

\*A man named, **Saul**, helped stone Stephen.

**Saul = Paul**

