

The Great Debate Acts 6:8 – 15

Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. Opposition arose, however, from some members of the Freedmen's Synagogue, composed of both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, and they began to argue with Stephen. But they were unable to stand up against his wisdom and the Spirit by whom he was speaking. Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We heard him speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; so they came, seized him, and took him to the Sanhedrin. They also presented false witnesses who said, "This man never stops speaking against this holy place and the law. For we heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us." And all who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at him and saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

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FOCUS: When we are filled with God, we will anger people.

OUTLINE:

1. The Adversaries (8 - 10)
 - a. Stephen
 - b. The Freedman's Synagogue
2. The Arrangement (11)
 - a. What they did.
 - b. What they said.
3. The Adjudication (12 – 15)
 - a. Who made the accusation.
 - b. What they did.
 - c. How Stephen looked.