

# STANDING *all alone* IN THE FACE OF UNITED OPPOSITION

## Acts 6:8-15

Theme: Upholding a faithful testimony even when confronted alone

WBC, Sunday a.m., March 1, 2020, Pastor Dan Unruh

6:8-15, Stephen's Defamation: "faithful even when confronted alone"

Three things Luke mentions about Stephen:

### I. STEPHEN'S CHARACTER (8, 10)

A. Evident in what was said of him (8a)

B. Evident in what was done by him (8b)

C. Evident in what was spoken by him (10)

### II. STEPHEN'S ACCUSERS (9, 11-14)

Those identified by Name were called Libertines, Cyrenians, and Alexandrians

Those identified by Place were from Cilicia and Asia

A. They Slandered Men (11)

B. They Slandered the People (12)

C. They Slandered False Witnesses (13-14)

While accusing Stephen of speaking what is unlawful,  
these men are speaking what is unlawful!

### III. STEPHEN'S CHARACTER (15)

A. The Observers (15a)

B. The Observers (15b)

Three faces mentioned in the Bible got people's attention. That of...

... Jesus -- when He was transfigured (Mt 17:2),

... Moses -- when he came down from Mt. Sinai (Ex 34:30), and

... Stephen -- when he stood before the Sanhedrin (Acts 6:15).