

NEW LIFE: SPIRIT
A SERMON ON ACTS 7:55-60

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STEPHEN'S SENTENCE

- Stephen, one for the first 'deacons' (Acts 6:5)
- Had testified about Jesus to Temple authorities (Acts 7:1-53)
- Sentenced to stoning

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FEAR OF CALAMITY

- Overwhelm
 - Fear of being swept away
- Inadequate
 - Voices from the past
- Bewildered
 - Where did this come from?

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GRACE FOR STEPHEN

- Stephen was 'filled with the Holy Spirit' (Acts 7:55)
- Saw Jesus interceding for him
- Interceded for his accusers

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THE SPIRIT'S RESCUE

- Spirit draws us beyond immediate concerns
- Spirit anchors us above the storm

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THE SPIRIT'S RESCUE

- Spirit quells concerns from the past
- Spirit speaks comfort of the future

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THE SPIRIT'S RESCUE

- Spirit focuses us
 - Spirit gives us transcendent focus
