

# The Spreading Flame

*Acts 8:1f*

## ***Introduction:***

Chapter 7 is a watershed. Jew and Gentile.

1-7 is in Jerusalem

8 – 28 is in the ends of the earth

v 1 Saul is a leader thus the persecution is sanctioned. i.e. it is now open season on Christians.

v 2 And, yet, tho scorned by the nation Stephen is honored by the church.

Two perspectives on the church are emerging. We love who the world hates...we scorn who they honor.

v 3 The word 'ravaged' is used of wild beasts. (Acts 22:4)

v 4 But the church becomes a spreading flame.

v 5 Who is Philip? What is Samaria?

v 6 A huge response!

vv 7-8 Much good is done. Much joy results.

(vv 9-13 will be looked at next week)

vv 14-17 Why did Peter and John go down?

## ***Conclusion:***