

## Church and State – The Early Church in Acts Lesson 4 – Stephen and Saul

- I. Stephen, Deacon, Apologist, Martyr
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Saul (Paul), Persecutor of the Church

### For Further Discussion:

1. Why do you think Stephen and Saul were both so bold and direct in their preaching when they must have known it would bring attempts on their life?
2. What would you say to the argument that they might have won more converts had they been less direct?
3. When the church was persecuted and many left their homes and fled Jerusalem, no doubt they thought it was a setback. How did it turn out? Is there a lesson for us in this?

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*The Conversion on the Way to Damascus,  
Caravaggio, 1601 AD*