

Historic White Marsh Church

December 11, 2022 **Third Sunday of Advent**

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Acts 7: 58 - 8:4

Prayer

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting The Lampkins

Hymn ~ 267 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Sermon

Hymn ~ 249 O Come All Ye Faithful

Benediction & Postlude

Tithes & Offerings Please use the wooden offering box or mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!

Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Bible Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ our Savior.

News from Afar: Tim has made some contacts with Banjar speaking people.

Membership: If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall.

Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at 1:00 PM – Anyone is welcome.

Christmas Time Luncheon: Sunday, December 18 after worship.
There is a food sign up sheet on the table between the front doors. What would you like to bring?

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship Service: 11:00 AM

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Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

TRIALS TO TRIUMPHS

Victories over Evil brought about by God Acts 8:1-4

THE TRIAL: Persecution of the Church scattered believers from Jerusalem to other places. V.1

THE TRIUMPH: *“Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.”* The gospel spread to other places. v. 4

THE TRIAL: Stephen was martyred and godly people mourned. v. 2

THE TRIUMPH: **Stephen victoriously went to heaven and the church was strengthened by his example. Unbelievers were influenced by Stephen's testimony.**

THE TRIAL: *“Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.”* v. 3

THE TRIUMPH: **Saul was miraculously saved, became a preacher of the Gospel and blessed the church through his ministry. Acts 9**

Other biblical examples: Jesus Christ, Joseph, and Daniel

When evil comes your way, God is able to bring good outcomes.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Wes Hall

Study Questions on Acts 8:1-4 and other Scriptures

1. Why can God bring victories after satanic attacks?
2. What was the effect of persecution against the church of Jerusalem?
3. How do you think the Jerusalem church felt about the persecution? How would you feel in that kind of persecution?
4. What good came out of Stephen's trial and death?
5. How might the persecution by Saul have strengthened the church?
6. How did Jesus Christ win against the attacks of Satan?
7. How did God turn the evil done to Joseph into good?
8. How did God bring victories in the life of Daniel after attacks?
9. What are some other examples of God giving victories after attacks? How has God given you victories after you have experienced various trials in your life?