

Obedient To Our



“Five Witnesses for the Defense”

Acts 7:1-53
PART 20

Heavenly Calling

INTRODUCTION

- 2 crucial responsibilities for every Christian

Phil. 1:7, 16

- the science of “apologetics”

- charges against Stephen

#1 Witness: Abraham (7:2-8)

- God takes the initiative

- Stephen’s point: ‘long before there was a holy place...’

#2 Witness: Joseph (7:9-16)

- 21st century skeptic

Gen. 46:27; Ex. 1:5; Deut. 10:22

- how he addressed the 1st century skeptic

- Stephen’s point: ‘long before there was a holy place...’

#3 Witness: Moses (7:17-43)

- a foreigner in foreign lands

- Stephen’s point: ‘long before there was a holy place...’

#4-5 Witnesses: David & Solomon

- the presence of the temple

- Stephen’s point: ‘this holy place...’

CONCLUSION

- giving lip-service to God’s revelation *v.* giving obedience

- loving Truth more than life itself