

## Assignments on Acts 6

Read Acts 6 then answer these questions:

1. Who were the “Grecians” and “Hebrews” – 6:1 (KJV; see other translations)?
2. What problem arose between them? (Think: What was the “daily ministration”?)
3. What reason did the apostles give why they should not be in charge of this work – 6:2,4? (Think: Who had apparently been supervising this work previously – 4:35?)

4. **Application:** What does this tell us about the work of apostles and about the relative emphasis in the church on preaching compared to caring for needy members?

5. What solution did the apostles propose for the problem – 6:3?
6. List and explain the characteristics men needed to be appointed to this work.
7. Name the seven men actually chosen – 6:5. Use cross-references to identify which of them we are told more about elsewhere.
8. How were they appointed to serve – 6:6? (Note the laying on of apostles’ hands. Compare other passages where this is mentioned. We will study more about it later.)

9. **Special Assignment:** What can we learn from the Jerusalem church about how the church should care for needy members? Did it donate money to separate organizations to supervise the work? Did it care for destitute non-members? Proof?

10. **Application:** This is the second internal problem the church in Jerusalem had. What can we learn about how the church should handle internal problems?

11. As the Jerusalem church resolved its problems, what happened to its growth – 6:7? (Think: What observations can you make about the conversion of priests? Cf. 4:1.)

12. Explain the connection between faith and obedience, and list other **passages** showing this connection.

13. What power did Stephen possess – 6:8? (Think: Prior to this, who did the miracles recorded in Acts?)

14. **Define** “dispute” and tell who disputed with Stephen – 6:9.

15. Describe their success in proving Stephen wrong – 6:10. (Think: Did Stephen compromise or back down to avoid disputation?)

16. **Application:** What lessons can we learn about Christians today who participate in religious “disputes” or debates?

17. When opponents could not disprove Stephen, what did they do – 6:11,12? **Define** “suborn” (KJV).

18. List at least 3 charges made against Stephen – 6:11-14, and for each one explain in what sense it was or was not true.

19. **Application:** What can we learn about the tactics used by opponents of truth?

20. What happened to Stephen’s appearance before the council – 6:15?

21. What other disciples in Acts have been called before the council?