



# Suffering and Victory

# Stephen's Suffering and Victory

- Stephen suffers for bearing witness to Jesus.
- In his suffering, Stephen fully identifies with Jesus.

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- Having shared in Jesus's suffering, Stephen shares in his glory.
- Stephen *wins*.

# Jesus's Suffering and Victory

- Jesus suffered once for sins
  - Jesus was victorious right away
    - Jesus proclaimed his victory in the netherworld
  - We are united to that victory in baptism
- Jesus is raised in victory and reigns

# Our Suffering and Victory

- Our baptism is a baptism into his suffering.
- When we suffer, we follow Jesus's lead.
- Jesus's victory is full and final.
- Our baptism is a baptism into that victory.