

A Reflection on the Death of Charlie Kirk

A Call to the Church

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On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, Charles James Kirk (31) was assassinated and made a martyr of the Christian faith. His death has sent shockwaves throughout our nation. It has hit my own heart in a way that I am still trying to process. I was unsure what that pit in my stomach was because I had never been an avid follower of Kirk. I had observed his content from afar as he was rising to popularity while I was in college. After days of reflection, I have come to realize that the pit in my stomach was my own cowardice being made clear to me. Our nation continues to grow further divided over good and evil, yet I have sat hoping it would eventually resolve itself. I have failed to follow the example set by so many Christians who have come before me. Fear has held a more dominant place in my heart than I knew, and I have had no sense of urgency for sharing the Gospel as the Apostle Paul did in his ministry. I have taught and preached in the church in ways to avoid making people angry for fear of creating division and have not used every opportunity given to me by God to call sinners to repent, believe, and be baptized. No more. No longer can I afford to sit by and stay silent.

We are angry and we should be angry. "Oh you who love the Lord, hate evil!" (Psalm 73:10), "abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good," (Romans 12:9) are commanded to us in scripture. Anger is the godly response to all evil. We should be angry at all the assassination attempts, assassinations, murders, and school shootings which keep happening. Right is wrong and wrong is right. Evil of all manner is rampant in our nation. As another brother has been added to the honored list of Christian martyrs, let us be angry. However, let us be angry and do not sin (Ephesians 4:26). What it means for a Christian to be angry at evil is not to respond in retaliation or hope for civil war. It does not mean we respond in vitriol and hatred. It means that we train ourselves in holiness, doctrine, communication, and debate so that we can engage evil at every turn. It means we take advantage of the time we have and use it to make Christ known everywhere. Our response to the martyrdom of Charlie Kirk is to flood

this nation and this world with the Word and Gospel of Jesus Christ. We should *never* forget the way we feel right now. The media will want to move on and forget about it and the evil powers at work will shift the blame, but we must never let this event be forgotten in our own minds. We must pour out the light of Christ into every crevice of darkness not allowing evil to thrive in any corner. But we can only do this if we first take seriously our own faith.

For me, this starts in the Church. No longer can our preachers preach messages that make us feel good and excited about ourselves. Our pulpits should be proclaiming sound doctrine (Titus 2:1). Instead of seeking our own worship preferences, our churches must be places that worship God in spirit and in truth with reverence and awe because our God is a consuming fire (John 4:23-24; Hebrews 12:28). We must be the pillar and buttress of truth in this world built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ as our cornerstone (1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 2:20). We must raise up Christians who are rooted and skilled in the word of God and doctrines of the faith. We must devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42). Our music should be filled with edifying theology which we sing to one another (Ephesians 5:19). Let our small groups stop being about our emotions and baby-bottled devotions but let us become carnivorous for knowledge of God (Colossians 1:9-14; Hebrews 5:11-14). We must prepare ourselves as the Holy Spirit works to prepare us for spiritual warfare.

It is time to take our institutions away from Satan and bring them under control of the Kingdom of God. To accomplish this task, we must look to the future. Our children must be raised in a Christian education. We want them to be the best students in math, science, history, and grammar, but that is not enough. They need to learn logic, debate, and theology. The next generation of Christians should be the best of the best in every area of life, but also the best of the best who give all glory to Christ. As we take this nation from Satan, we can fill up these institutions with Spirit-filled, capable believers.

In the present time, you must prepare yourself. No one can do it for you. Go to Sunday School. Join a small group. Be faithful to the gathered worship of the Body of Christ. If your pastor refuses to teach doctrine, call him out for it. If your small group leader wants to walk through content that is void of intelligence, start your own and open the Bible. For too long our churches have focused on emotions while our minds

rot. Pray, read, and study. Turn off your television and video games, pick up some books. A great place to start would be John Stott's, *Your Mind Matters*. Quit talking only about sports and the weather with your Christian friends and start talking about God and our Faith. Ask each other questions, debate with each other, and sharpen each other. Make it normal to talk about God in your friendships and families. Let the Church become a force to be reckoned with through our lives and our speech. Let us become hated because we stand as a light shining so brightly upon which the forces of darkness cannot stand to look. Anywhere that evil thinks to poke its puny, putrid head, snuff it out with the Gospel. Our Christ is King and He is Victor. We win. Let us start acting like a people who win.

The Evil one's minions will not give up for they obey his will because he is their father (John 8:44; 1 John 3:4-10). They will lose the debate, no doubt. After the debate is lost to them, they will respond in violence as they always have. More of us may die at their wicked hands, but where one martyr falls may one thousand rise in response. Fill the internet with Christian content. Fill up our schools with educators passionate for Christian discipleship. Where that cannot be done, start new schools with which the incompetent government cannot compete. Let Christians who are skilled in politics fill our elected offices. May the man trowelling concrete be our best theologian and may our strongest evangelists change your oil and clean your building. Let no area in our nation be void of the Christian voice proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power unto salvation (Romans 1:16-17). May the church roar our mighty message across this world. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). We will not defeat these forces through physical violence, but only by the Word of God through the Gospel of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. You can be absolutely certain in God's Word because His Word will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish the purpose and succeed in the thing for which God sent it (Isaiah 55:11). Do not lose the fire in your belly that was ignited by our martyred brother but let that flame burn in self-control as you fearlessly preach God's Word.

May we become a courageous people who act in faith and trust God to accomplish His work in us and change our nation. Pray now. Pray that I will be bold. Pray that your church will be bold. Pray for your pastor to be bold. Pray that you will be

bold. As we pray, we must also take action to prepare ourselves and go into this world as Christ's ambassadors. Do not be afraid, our God is a God of war and He has always beaten the enemy (Exodus 15:1-18). He fights for us, just as He did for Israel in the Exodus (Exodus 14:13-14). Be faithful and hope in Him but take up the whole armor of God and become skilled with the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:10-20).

I end this letter with the following passage from Romans. The Spirit says to us that nothing can overcome the salvation which God has given to His people. As we stand in Christ, fear may prick your heart. Remember these words of the Spirit if it does. Be brave my brothers and sisters, your God is mighty.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

*"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."*

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31-39, ESV

In Christ,

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