Who Are We?

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Introduction:

The death of Charlie Kirk has dominated the news since his assassination. And people are taking sides. We are seeing more division.

I have seen pictures of people wearing shirts that say “We are all Charlie Kirk NOW”.

Specific Purpose of this Message today:

As we mourn the death of Charlie Kirk, I want us to be sure we do not get too caught up in moment and align ourselves with counterfeit beliefs. We need to remember we are on the side of Jesus Christ and God the Father, and not Charlie Kirk.

Need?

Yes, we can be inspired by his example and learn much from what has transpired, but we need to be careful not to be caught up in taking sides. Yes, we are for good and against evil. But we must remember we represent Christ on this earth and are Ambassadors for the coming Kingdom of GOD.. on this earth, not in heaven.

> 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
> 2 Corinthians 5:18 NKJV - Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,
> 2 Corinthians 5:19 NKJV - that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and **has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**
> 2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV - Now then, we are ambassadors for **Christ,** as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.
> 2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV - For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Perilous times

> 2 Timothy 3:1 NKJV - But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
> 2 Timothy 3:2 NKJV - For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
> 2 Timothy 3:3 NKJV - unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
> 2 Timothy 3:4 NKJV - traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
> 2 Timothy 3:5 NKJV - having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

2 Timothy 3:6 NKJV - For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,
2 Timothy 3:7 NKJV - always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
2 Timothy 3:8 NKJV - Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;
2 Timothy 3:9 NKJV - but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

Persecution - but the Kingdom proclaimed

Matthew 24:8 NKJV - "All these are the beginning of sorrows.
Matthew 24:9 NKJV - "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.
Matthew 24:10 NKJV - "And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.
Matthew 24:11 NKJV - "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.
Matthew 24:12 NKJV - "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.
Matthew 24:13 NKJV - "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.
Matthew 24:14 NKJV - "And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached** in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Who attacked and wanted to kill Jesus?

Did they keep the Sabbath?
Did they keep the Holy Days?
Were they seeking the truth?
Were they willing to repent and change?
Did they believe in the resurrection?

Satan has created a counterfeit religion that is a mixture of good and evil, right and wrong. With the help of God’s holy spirit we can discern right from wrong, truth from lies. And not be deceived.

Satan’s method - attack those that oppose him

Revelation 12:9 NKJV - So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
Revelation 12:10 NKJV - Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.
Revelation 12:11 NKJV - "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Revelation 12:12 NKJV - "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."
Revelation 12:13 NKJV - Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.
Revelation 12:17 NKJV - And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Paul's advice to Timothy

2 Timothy 2:22 NKJV - Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
2 Timothy 2:23 NKJV - But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.
2 Timothy 2:24 NKJV - **And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel** but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,
2 Timothy 2:25 NKJV - in humility correcting those who are in opposition, **if God perhaps will grant them <u>repentance</u>, so that they may know the truth,**

God is the one who opens a person's mind to the truth

Mark 1:15 NKJV - and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Acts 2:38 NKJV - Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 20:21 NKJV - "testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Titus 1:1 NKJV - Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,

2 Timothy 2:26 NKJV - and that they may come to their senses and **escape the snare of the devil,** having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Jesus' sermon on the mount

Matthew 5:1 KJV - And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
Matthew 5:2 KJV - And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
Matthew 5:3 KJV - Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:4 KJV - Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:5 KJV - Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:6 KJV - Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Matthew 5:7 KJV - Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Matthew 5:8 KJV - Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Matthew 5:9 KJV - Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Matthew 5:10 KJV - Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:11 KJV - Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Matthew 5:12 KJV - Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
Matthew 5:13 KJV - Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
Matthew 5:14 KJV - Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
Matthew 5:15 KJV - Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
Matthew 5:16 KJV - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:20 NKJV - "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:38 NKJV - "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
Matthew 5:39 NKJV - "But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Matthew 5:43 NKJV - "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
Matthew 5:44 NKJV - "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
Matthew 5:45 NKJV - "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 6:33 NKJV - "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

We are to be soldiers for Jesus Christ against Satan and His false teachings.

Ephesians 6:10 NKJV - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
Ephesians 6:11 NKJV - Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV - **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

Ephesians 6:13 NKJV - Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
Ephesians 6:14 NKJV - Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
Ephesians 6:15 NKJV - and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
Ephesians 6:16 NKJV - above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
Ephesians 6:17 NKJV - And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
Ephesians 6:18 NKJV - praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--
Ephesians 6:19 NKJV - and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly **to make known the mystery of the gospel**,
Ephesians 6:20 NKJV - for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Conclusion:

Yes, we can be motivated and inspired by the deeds and life of Charlie Kirk. BUT …We are not Charlie Kirk now.

Who are we? We are disciples of Jesus Christ! And followers of our heavenly Father, the Almighty God!

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Additional Resources

AP Fact Focus Article
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