

When Violence Strikes Truth:

The only ones who rejoice in senseless bloodshed are demons.

When planes struck buildings on 9/11, some rejoiced while the many of us mourned a terrible, unthinkable act of violence. Even now, after the assassination of Charlie Kirk, a few senseless voices have foolishly celebrated. But Scripture reminds us: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy” (John 10:10). To cheer at death is to echo the enemy, not Christ.

For God’s people, death is seen differently. Paul wrote, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21). For those who trust in Jesus, death is not the end but the beginning — eternal life in His presence. That’s why we do not rejoice in tragedy but grieve with hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

So while demons may celebrate destruction, the Church proclaims life. “Death has been swallowed up in victory” (1 Corinthians 15:54)

Matthew 5:9 — “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”

Romans 12:17-21 — “Do not repay evil for evil... overcome evil with good.”

Introduction:

Brothers and sisters, this is a dark, painful moment. On September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk, a prominent conservative activist and speaker, was fatally shot while speaking at an event in Utah. His death is being called a political assassination by many, a wake-up call about how deeply divided and dangerous our public discourse has become.

What does God’s Word call us to do when violence, hatred, or political division lead to innocent blood being shed? How should we respond — as Christians, as citizens, as people made in God’s image?

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Finally, in all grief, the Christian faith points to a hope beyond this life. Death does not have the final word. God is not surprised. God redeems. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, that suffering will be made right, that every unjust act will be accounted for and every tear wiped away. (Revelation 21:4)

Application / Challenge:

- When you hear speech that demonizes “the other side,” don’t passively accept it. Pray. Speak with graciousness but with clarity.**
 - Be involved in your community: support victims, advocate for public safety, seek truth, speak for justice.**
 - As Christians, use the tools God has given — the witness of love, the power of prayer, the clarity of truth — to stand as peacemakers.**
 - And remember: membership in the kingdom of heaven isn’t determined by political affiliation, but by one’s posture toward Christ, one’s love for neighbor, and one’s faithfulness in living out the Gospel.**
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Conclusion:

Charlie Kirk’s assassination is a tragedy — a wound in our national life, a moment of great sorrow. But Christians do not live in resignation. We mourn, yes. We repent, perhaps of our own part — in enabling hateful talk, in failing to love neighbors. And we press forward in hope. For the God who raised Jesus, who conquered death, is with us. In him, light shines into darkness.

May God grant us courage to seek justice, strength to love our enemies,

**wisdom to speak truth, and peace that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.**

Main Points:

2. Grief and Lament Are Biblical

The first response must be grief. Jesus wept (John 11:35), and the Scriptures are full of lament (Psalm 42; Lamentations). We mourn the loss of life, we mourn the brokenness of a society where someone can be shot simply for speaking. This is not how the Kingdom of God is meant to function.

3. Truth and Justice Must Stand Firm

God is a God of justice (Psalm 89:14; Isaiah 30:18). Lament does not negate truth. We must call evil what it is. If this was a politically motivated killing, it is evil. We must demand that authorities investigate fully, transparently, and pursue justice. At the same time, we should guard against hasty judgments or spreading unverified claims. Truth matters — both in identifying wrong, and in avoiding injustice ourselves.

4. Rejecting Hatred While Confronting Rhetoric

Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44). But love does not mean silence in the face of hateful or dangerous rhetoric. There is a biblical balance: confronting falsehood and evil speech, while holding on to the posture of humility and love. Political speech that dehumanizes others, incites violence — even if not directly causing it — risks laying the groundwork for tragedy. Christians should be voices of integrity, showing what respectful disagreement looks like.

5. The Call to Peacemakers

Blessed are the peacemakers. We must not simply recoil in fear; rather, Christians are to step in as agents of peace. That means refusing violence, modeling civil discourse, seeking reconciliation where possible, but also advocating for structures that protect the vulnerable — whether from violence, misinformation, or hate. It means doing the hard work of crossing divides, listening, reasoning, loving not just our own.

6. Hope and Resurrection
