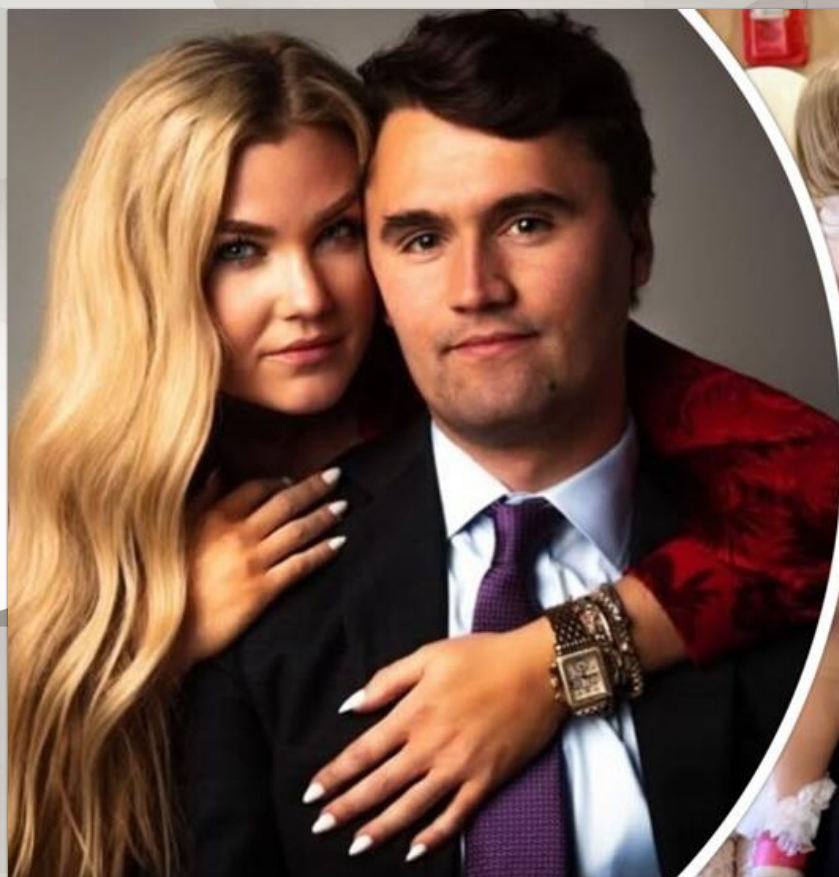




## Charlie Kirk's Death (My response)







Psalms 116:15 (NKJV)

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints.

(H3368) - "Precious"

"from 3365; valuable (obj. or subj.): -brightness, clear, costly, excellent, fat, honourable women, precious, reputation."

(H3365)

"a primitive root; properly, apparently, to be heavy, i.e. (figuratively) valuable; causatively, to make rare (figuratively, to inhibit):~be (make) precious, be prized, be set by, withdraw."

Meaning of יָקָר (H3368):

**Primary Definition:** The word yaqar means “precious,” “costly,” “valuable,” “rare,” or “honored.” It conveys something of great worth, whether material, moral, or spiritual.



**Connotations:** It often refers to something highly esteemed, treasured, or expensive due to its rarity or significance. It can describe tangible objects (like gems or metals) or intangible qualities (like wisdom or life).

When Grieving comes to an end, the process the person went through tends to produce something that lasts a long time.



Grief is an emotion.

a. Logic stabilizes.      Emotion motivates.

b. When this is past, will something have been motivated in us - for the good?

c. The emotion needs to cross over to logic that will focus, stabilize, and lock in for a lifetime.

John 12:24 (NKJV)

24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses (mártys) to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.



The English word “martyr” comes from the Greek word μάρτυς (mártys) [Strong's G3144], which originally meant “witness” or “one who testifies.” In the New Testament and early Christian contexts, IT CAME TO REFER TO THOSE WHO BORE WITNESS TO THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST, OFTEN THROUGH SUFFERING OR DEATH, leading to the modern association with someone who dies for their beliefs.

Witnesses: Martyr's

1st Level: Death to Self.

The application of Acts 1:8 that affects all of us:

Death to Self

## Physical Death Level of Martyrdom:

- REALLY, REALLY makes the point of BEARING WITNESS TO OUR FAITH EVEN THROUGH SUFFERING OR DEATH.
- To be Seen and Heard at all costs even to the point of Death.

Was this God's will for Charlie to be murdered?

A. Calvinists will say: Yes.....

(Phrases: 'God called him home. God took him'.)

B. Let's unpack Martyrdom a bit.



## There are Many Martyrs in Scripture

1. In God's original design, it was never God's will for death to even exist, much less being killed for our faith.

a. So in that way - No it's not God's will.

2. Because of sin, the increase of lawlessness, rebellion, etc. having entered the world - following Christ has always made Christians a target. That will only increase as we move further into the last days.

a. So, in that way: we face death because of our stand for the Gospel and the Kingdom of God,

➤ In that way - Yes it is God's will.

Does God choose certain people to be Martyrs?

A. Let's talk about what makes a Martyr, and how Martyrdom comes about.

B. Many Martyrs in scripture.

1. Abel: The first recorded martyr, killed by his brother Cain out of jealousy over God's acceptance of Abel's sacrifice (Genesis 4:8).



2. Zechariah son of Jehoiada: Stoned to death in the temple courts for rebuking the people and king for idolatry (2 Chronicles 24:20-22).
  3. Uriah son of Shemaiah: A prophet killed by King Jehoiakim for prophesying against Jerusalem, his body thrown into a common grave (Jeremiah 26:20-23).
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4. Isaiah: Tradition holds he was sawn in half under King Manasseh for his prophecies, though the Bible does not explicitly detail his death (implied in Hebrews 11:37).
  5. John the Baptist: Beheaded by Herod Antipas at the request of Herodias' daughter for condemning Herod's marriage (Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29).

6. Jesus Christ: Crucified by Roman authorities at the instigation of Jewish leaders for claiming to be the Son of God (Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19). He is the ultimate martyr and fulfillment of prophecy.

7. Stephen: The first Christian martyr, stoned by the Sanhedrin for his bold testimony accusing them of resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:54-60).

8. Antipas: A faithful witness in Pergamum, killed by Satan (likely Roman persecution) for his testimony (Revelation 2:13).



## 9. The 12 Disciples:

James the Just (brother of Jesus): Thrown from the temple pinnacle and clubbed to death for his leadership in the Jerusalem church (mentioned in Acts 15; tradition from Josephus).

Peter: Crucified upside down in Rome under Nero (implied in John 21:18-19; tradition from Tertullian).

Paul: Beheaded in Rome under Nero (implied in 2 Timothy 4:6-8; tradition from Ignatius).

Simon (Peter): Crucified upside-down in Rome under Emperor Nero around 64-68 AD. Peter reportedly requested to be crucified upside-down, feeling unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus.

Andrew: Crucified on an X-shaped cross (now called St. Andrew's Cross) in Patras, Greece, around 60-70 AD. He was bound, not nailed, and preached for days while on the cross.

James, son of Zebedee: Beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I in Jerusalem around 44 AD, as part of persecution against the church (Acts 12:1-2).

John, son of Zebedee: Died of natural causes in old age, likely in Ephesus, around 100 AD.

Tradition holds he was the only apostle to avoid martyrdom, though he was exiled to Patmos and reportedly survived an attempt to kill him by boiling in oil.



Philip: Crucified or stoned to death in Hierapolis, Phrygia (modern-day Turkey), around 80 AD. Some accounts suggest he was crucified upside-down after preaching successfully.

Bartholomew (Nathanael): Flayed alive and then beheaded or crucified in Armenia, around 70 AD. Some traditions vary, mentioning crucifixion or beating.

Thomas: Speared to death in Mylapore, India, around 72 AD, after preaching and converting many. He is often associated with spreading Christianity to India.

Matthew (Levi): Likely martyred by stabbing or beheading in Ethiopia or Persia, around 60-70 AD. Accounts vary, with some suggesting he died naturally.

James, son of Alphaeus: Stoned or clubbed to death in Jerusalem or Persia, around 62 AD. Some accounts suggest he was thrown from the temple and then beaten.

Thaddaeus (Jude, son of James, or Judas, not Iscariot): Martyred in Persia or Syria, possibly by arrows or an axe, around 65-70 AD, often alongside Simon the Zealot.

Simon the Zealot: Martyred in Persia, possibly sawn in half or crucified, around 65-70 AD. Some traditions place his death in Britain or elsewhere.



10. The Unnamed: Hebrews 11:36-38 alludes to unnamed OT figures tortured, stoned, or sawn in two for their faith.

Revelation 6:9-11 and 20:4 describe souls of martyrs under God's altar, slain for their testimony.

*SUPER NATURAL*



## Matthew 16:24-27 (NKJV)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life (“psuche”) will lose it, but whoever loses his life (“psuche”) for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul (“psuche”)? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul (“psuche”)?

### Physical Death type of Martyrdom:

- It is an honor, and will produce a greater harvest than would be accomplished without the Martyr.

(It's like persecution. The best thing for the lost world was that the early church was persecuted. Persecution actually does the opposite of what the persecutors want to happen.)





Why does this pertain so specifically to us & our  
Children.

Matthew 24:4-5 (NKJV)

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Christ, and will deceive many.

## Matthew 24:8-12 (NKJV)

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

## Mark 13:12-13 (NIV)

12 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. 13 All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.



Luke 21:12-19 (NIV)

12 But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. 13 This will result in your being witnesses (martyrion > martyrs) to them. 14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.

15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 All men will hate you because of me. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By standing firm you will gain life.