

QUESTIONS

Charlie Kirk was killed because the shooter believed that he was a fascist. Why did he believe that?

- **Promotion of Ethnonationalism and Racial Division:** Critics argued that Charlie's defense of "Western/Christian civilization" against immigration and "woke" policies (e.g., DEI, affirmative action) was a dog-whistle for white supremacy, framing minorities as threats. Charlie countered that he was protecting cultural heritage and meritocracy, rejecting racism (e.g., "Race is made up") and praising black conservatives like Clarence Thomas.
- **Christian Nationalism as Authoritarianism:** Opponents saw Charlie's calls for America to remain "majority Christian" and integrate faith into politics as "Christofascism," seeking theocratic control. Charlie described it as upholding founding values, not imposing religion, emphasizing voluntary revival.
- **Bigotry Against LGBTQ+:** He is quoted as calling transgender identity a "mental disease," and traditional gender roles were viewed as fascist dehumanization. He framed these as biblical morals, not hatred, promoting family values.
- **Support for Strongman Policing:** Charlie positioned it as fighting chaos with law and order, denying dictatorial intent.
- **Undermining Institutions:** Attacks on universities as "indoctrination camps" via TPUSA events were labeled anti-intellectual fascist tactics. Charlie said he was exposing bias to restore free speech in education.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk on September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University has shaken our nation, exposing the deepening divide between those who hold to a biblical worldview and political conservatism and those who oppose it, particularly within woke leftist ideologies. The shooter inscribed anti-fascist messages on his ammunition, reflecting a belief that Charlie's activism was a dangerous threat.

This tragedy highlights the escalating hostility and violence from some leftist groups toward Christians and conservatives, who are often labeled as "fascists" or "bigots" for their faith and values, and they justify that violence through labeling others as Nazis and Fascists. How are we supposed to respond not only to the assassination of Charlie Kirk but also to the threats, as a line has been crossed? As followers of Christ, we are called to respond not with fear or vengeance but with the wisdom, love, and courage found in God's Word.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BELIEVER

1. Love Your Enemies and Pray for Persecutors

The Apostle Paul instructs us in Romans 12:14, 17-21: "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them... Repay no one evil for evil... If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Even as leftists vilify our faith, calling biblical views on marriage, gender, or life "hateful," we must respond with Christlike love. This does not mean compromising truth but showing kindness and praying for those who oppose us, as Jesus commanded in Matthew 5:44. Charlie's death, fueled by ideological hatred, challenges us to pray for

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Robinson and those who share his views, that they would change their minds, believe in Jesus, and reject the worldview of the left.

2. Stand Firm in Truth with Gentleness

In Ephesians 6:13-14, Paul urges us to “put on the whole armor of God” and “stand firm” against spiritual and worldly opposition. Paul wrote this while in prison, and yet he understood that his battle is not with those who violently oppose him but is rooted in spiritual warfare. Likewise, 2 Timothy 2:24-25 calls us to teach truth “with gentleness, correcting opponents with patience,” trusting God to grant reconsideration and belief.

As we teach what the Bible has to say about family values, it may result in backlash, but we must continue proclaiming truth on issues like sexuality or the sanctity of life with clarity, honesty, with love, not anger.

Our speech should be “seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6), even when met with hostility.

3. Submit to Governing Authorities While Obeying God

Romans 13:1-4 instructs us to “be subject to the governing authorities,” as they are instituted by God. We must currently trust our institutions to not only uphold justice but also hold others accountable for incitement to violence. Yet, when authorities or cultural forces demand we violate God’s commands, Acts 5:29 gives us the principle that, “We must obey God rather than men.”

4. Pursue Peace and Unity in the Body

Ephesians 4:3 calls us to “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Political tensions, like those surrounding Charlie’s death, can fracture even families and congregations. We must avoid demonizing and foster an environment where ideas are discussed without vilifying others.

1 Corinthians 1:10 urges us to “agree in the Lord” and avoid divisions, ensuring our response to leftist hostility strengthens, not splits, the body of Christ.

5. Maintaining Hope Through Eternal Realities

As believers, we are called to anchor our hope in the eternal realities of God’s promises, especially amid political and cultural tensions. The Apostle Paul writes in Colossians 3:1-2, “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” The assassination of Charlie Kirk and the hostility from leftist ideologies can stir fear and despair, but Scripture reminds us that our ultimate hope is not in temporal victories or cultural battles but in Christ’s return and the eternal kingdom (Titus 2:13). Hebrews 6:19 describes this hope as “a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,” grounding us when persecution or violence threatens. By focusing on eternal realities, God’s sovereignty, the resurrection, and the promise of justice (Romans 8:28), we maintain joy and courage, refusing to be consumed by earthly conflicts while still engaging faithfully in the present.

PRUDENCE AND AWARENESS OF DANGERS

While we uphold these biblical principles, we must also be “wise as serpents and innocent as doves” (Matthew 10:16), recognizing the real dangers posed by rising leftist hostility toward our faith and our

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values. The Epistles warn of persecution: 2 Timothy 3:12 states, “All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” Charlie’s assassination, with bullets inscribed “Hey fascist! Catch!” reflects how leftist rhetoric, labeling conservatives as “fascists” or “extremists,” can incite violence. This mirrors broader trends, such as attacks on pro-life centers, harassment of faith-based speakers in public squares, and other assassination attempts.

Acknowledge the Threat: Leftist ideologies, particularly those rooted in anti-Christian secularism or radical activism, increasingly frame biblical values as oppressive. This fuels hostility, as seen in Robinson’s act, driven by anti-fascist zeal. We must be vigilant, not paranoid, aware that demonizing and being demonized justifies violence in the eyes of extremists.

Protect and Prepare: In Scripture, we have both the principles under the Law and in the Epistles that state we must defend ourselves, not taking the law into our own hands, and stop acts of violence and theft by those who have the ability to do so (Exodus 22:2-3; Luke 22:36; Psalm 82:4; 1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 5:28-29).

Avoid Retaliation: Despite dangers, Romans 12:19 forbids vengeance: “Leave it to the wrath of God.” Charlie’s death should not provoke hatred toward leftists but spur us to gospel-driven engagement, trusting God’s justice.

CONCLUSION: A FAITHFUL RESPONSE

The assassination of Charlie Kirk is a tragic symptom of a culture rejecting God’s truth. As Christians, we respond by loving our enemies (Romans 12:14), standing firm in truth with gentleness (2 Timothy 2:24), submitting to authorities while obeying God (Romans 13:1), and pursuing unity (Ephesians 4:3). Yet, we remain prudent, recognizing the growing hostility from leftist ideologies that vilify our faith and values, as seen in Charlie’s targeting.

Let us mourn, pray, and act with courage, trusting God as Jesus gave us an example (1 Peter 2:19-23, 3:8-9, 13-17). May our response reflect Christ’s love and wisdom, while demanding justice and being prepared to defend ourselves and others.

Grace, Love, and Peace