

CONVICTIONS

ROMANS 8:35, 38-39 (AMP)

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THOSE WHOM DIED FOR THEIR "CONVICTIONS":

1) STEVEN

ACTS 7:59-60

"And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. ⁶⁰ And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep."

2) SOME LISTED IN HEBREWS CHAPTER 11

HEBREWS 11:37-39 (AMP)

"They were stoned [to death], they were sawn in two, they were lured with tempting offers [to renounce their faith], they were put to death by the sword; they went about wrapped in the skins of sheep and goats, utterly destitute, oppressed, cruelly treated ³⁸ (people of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and [living in] caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ And all of these, though they gained [divine] approval through their faith, did not receive [the fulfillment of] what was promised."

3) THE APOSTLES

JMATTHEW 24:9-10 (NLT)

*"...You will be arrested, persecuted, and killed.
You will be hated all over the world because you are My followers.
¹⁰ And many will turn away from Me and betray and hate each other."*


JOHN 16:1-2 (NLT)

*"...I have told you these things so that you won't abandon your faith.
² For you will be expelled from the synagogues, and the time is coming when those who kill you will think they are doing a holy service for God."*

4) JESUS


JOHN 10:17b-18a (NLT)

"...I sacrifice My life so I may take it back again. ¹⁸ No one can take My life from Me. I sacrifice it voluntarily."

 **LUKE 9:22-24 (AMP)...**

“The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected [as the Messiah] by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be put to death, and on the third day be raised up [from death to life].²³ And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to follow Me [as My disciple], he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross daily [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me].

²⁴ For whoever wishes to save his life [in this world] will [eventually] lose it [through death], but whoever loses his life [in this world] for My sake, he is the one who will save it [from the consequences of sin and separation from God].”

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 **MATTHEW 16:13-18**

“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?¹⁴ And they said, Some say that Thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.¹⁵ He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven.¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (Petros/little rock), and upon this rock (Petra) I will build My church; and the gates of shall not prevail against it.”

PROPER CONVICTIONS ARE DEVELOPED THROUGH:

- 1) A Lifestyle of... PRAYER & FASTING.
- 2) A Lifestyle of ... BIBLE CONSUPTION.
- 3) A Lifestyle of ... HOLY GHOST GUIDANCE.
- 4) A Lifestyle of ... TEACHABLENESS.

