

Stand up for Jesus

There are times when we are going to have to stand _____, because we are _____ people in a world of _____ people.

And as we get closer to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, we're going to find that the _____, and the _____ is more furious than ever, and we will have to stand alone.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

This is talking about the religious leaders of that day—"they were _____ ..."—you see, "the word of God is ... sharper than any two-edged sword" ([Hebrews 4:12](#))

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Romans 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

I. Filled with _____ to _____ for Christ

Anybody can _____ the facts of the Bible if they have a halfway intelligent mind. But it is not _____ that they were talking about; it is His _____.

This man did not have a PhD from a university; he was just an _____ man. These people were just _____ people, but God gave them this wisdom.

Luke 21:12-15 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. ¹³ "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. ¹⁴ "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; ¹⁵ for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

And here's the promise—"for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute."—Jesus said, "I'll do it when the _____ comes, when you _____ it"

I want to remind you that the life of this man Stephen was a _____

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

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II. Filled with _____ to _____ for Christ

Courage is _____ that has said its _____—that’s what it is. Real courage—is not so much the absence of _____ as it is the mastery of _____.

Matthew 10:28 “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Jesus meant that if you _____ before God, then you can _____ before any man.

Because he was filled with the Holy Spirit, he was filled with _____.

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2 Timothy 1:7–8 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

III. Filled with _____ to _____ for Christ

Faith doesn’t get you out of _____; it gets you into difficulty. Jesus did not come to get you out of _____; He came to get into _____ with you.

The word _____ and the word _____ are the same word in the Greek language.

John 3:28 “You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’”

Hebrews 11:32–34 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

“And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.”

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