

“WE ARE ALL WITNESSES!”¹

Throughout the book of Acts we repeatedly find believers boldly, unashamedly telling others about **Jesus Christ!** Often, they are recorded as having punctuated their fearless, outspoken sharing of the gospel by declaring: “***We are all witnesses!***” And a large majority of the time they state that specifically regarding Christ’s incredible, undeniable resurrection from the dead!

Note the following examples:

- 1:8
- 1:22
- 2:32
- 3:15
- 4:33
- 5:32
- 10:39
- 13:31
- 22:15
- 26:16

Notice please several things about those early believers and their sharing of the gospel of Christ:

NOTE THEIR MANNER – Bold, fearless, and unapologetic!

Peter:

2:32 cf. 2:36

3:15 cf. 3:13-16, 19

4:10-12 “*with boldness*”

4:29-31 “*with boldness*”

5:32 cf. 5:29

5:41-42

Stephen:

7:10 cf. 7:51-53

Paul:

9:29

14:3 (notice also that they didn’t run from trouble)

NOTE THEIR MESSAGE – One thing: *The Resurrection of Christ from the dead!*

- 1:3
- 1:22
- 2:24—36 (esp. vv. 24, 31, 32 & 34)
- 3:15
- 4:2
- 4:10
- 4:33
- 5:30
- 13:30
- 13:33
- 13:37

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- 17:3
- 17:18
- 17:31-32
- 23:6
- 24:15
- 24:21
- 26:8

NOTE THEIR LIVES – *Dramatically different from the world* – 4:16

The story is told of a backslidden Christian who came upon an ungodly coworker who had just been in a car accident and was on the edge of death. The backslider was trying to comfort his unsaved friend but said nothing to him about trusting Christ or how to get to heaven.

Another believer came running up, just as the unsaved coworker passed off into eternity. The believer who had just come up asked the backslidden Christian who had been tending to him, “*Did you tell him about Christ and how to get saved?*” The man, weeping, replied “*No.*” Asked “*Why not?*” the backslidden believer dropped his head and said: “*I couldn’t. My life sealed my lips.*”

Our conduct and behavior make all the difference as to whether we are bold witnesses for Christ or else we say nothing to others. It certainly didn’t seal the lips of the believers in Acts, even in the face of persecution and death!

Consider the following examples:

- 5:33 – they wanted to kill them i.e. Peter & John
- 7:13 – they were slandered and misrepresented
- 7:54 – they hated & killed Stephen
- 9:16 – they wanted to kill Paul
- 9:23-24
- 9:29
- 12:2 – they killed James
- 12:3-ff – they imprisoned Peter
- 13:50 – they kicked Paul & Barnabas out of town
- 14:19 – they stoned Paul and left him for dead

NOTE THEIR RESULTS. Acts 17:30-32

- Some *mocked*
- Some *put it off* i.e. procrastinated
- Some *believed*

And those are the same results we get today! *No surprise, right?*

So, give your life to God & fearlessly share the message of the gospel, and let Him do what He wants to with it! As stewards, we’re simply required to be faithful! (1 Cor. 4:2) The Lord is the one who does the saving of souls, and it is He who will give the harvest and the increase! (1 Cor. 3:6)