

Christian Dying

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I. Introduction.

- A. People are getting martyred today for the Christian message.
- B. Everyone of us will lay down his life some day.

II. We must prepare to die.

- A. Stephen lived and died in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- B. This is glad submission to the Holy Spirit.
- C. To prepare for death we ought to be gladly submitted to God's will.

III. We must look up steadfastly in order to prepare for death.

- A. We ought to fear God alone.
- B. He is our light and salvation.
- C. When we fear God, we have nothing less to fear.

IV. We must have faith in death.

- A. There is an open heaven to anyone who calls Jesus Lord.
- B. Steven had faith that he would be received into heaven.

V. We ought to have an impact in death. Steven impacted Paul through his victorious Christian death.

Application questions:

1. How can the example of Steven give a Christian hope in the face of death?

2. What is the fear of God? How can this be a comfort in death?

3. What is the key to being victorious in death? Explain.
