

What If Today Was Your Last Chance?

(share the gospel while you can)

Text: Acts 7

Introduction

[James 4:14](#) “14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”

1) Steven Shared The _____ Of Their Roots

A. What was _____ about them?

a) They missed the fact that Abraham (their ancestral father) answered God calling him out of heathen darkness and into a personal relationship with Him through FAITH ALONE!

- [Romans 4:3](#) “3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.”

b) They had missed the fact that God had been trying to turn them to Jesus through many messengers of the past

c) The very law of Moses they accused Steven of breaking, they had already broken themselves.

- Steven quoted (v43) [Amos 5:25–27](#) “25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? 26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, The star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, Saith the Lord, whose name is The God of hosts.”

d) In their stubbornness, they resisted God and His truth

B. What is true about the _____ today?

a) God is calling them out of darkness and into the light of the gospel

- [2 Corinthians 4:1–6](#) “1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

- [Colossians 1:13](#) “13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”

b) God is sending many messengers to the unbeliever today

- [Romans 10:17](#) “17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- [Acts 11:26](#) “26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”

c) They too have broken God’s law and remain in the path of His eternal wrath

- [Romans 3:23](#) “23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

C. Share the _____ like Steven

- a) State the issue of darkness and God's desire to save them
- b) State God's desire for them to know the message of the gospel
- c) State the fact they have broken God's law. God is perfect and they are not
- d) State the truth about the outcome of resisting God's message of forgiveness

2) Steven _____ The Resurrection

A. His final moments were moments of extreme

B. His final moments were filled with

C. His final moments were used to initiate the spread of the

D. His enablement was his _____ and the _____

- [Hebrews 11:6](#) "6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."