

Witnesses To ... Against You?

Acts 7:37-50

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“Christ Jesus came ... to save sinners...” Before a man can be saved he must come to see his personal guilt and condemnation b_____ God. (1Ti.1:15; Luk.19:10)

No one can be condemned in trial without t__ or t_____ witnesses. (Deu.19:15)

I. The Witnesses

1. The “ye” in verse 37 makes it clear that M_____ was witnessing to this present generation to whom Stephen is now speaking. (Act.7:37; Mat.17:1-5; Joh.5:45-47)

2. Stephen makes it clear that the L____ was given as a witness unto the present generation to whom he now spoke. (Act.7:38; Luk.24:44; Rom.1:18-3:19)

The greater the light you have the greater the judgment if you r_____ it. (Luk.12:48; Mat.11:23-24)

3. “The t_____ of witness” is a witness to the person and mediatorial work of the Lord Jesus. (Act.7:44-50; Heb.1-13)

4. The p_____ “shewed before of the coming of the Just One...” (Act.7:52; 13:27; Luk.24:25-27)

5. The L_____ Himself was a witness to them. (Act.7:52)

6. The Holy Spirit was a witness to them and He is to y____ right now. (Act.7:51; Joh.16:7-11)

II. The Purpose of the Witnesses

The purpose of the Law was never to be a means of justification, but to show us our s____, and so, our need of the S____. (Gal.3:10,11,24; Rom.3:19-26)

You not only haven't lived up to God's perfect standard, you haven't even lived up to your o____ distorted standard of what God requires. (Rom.2)

The Purpose of the Prophets, Stephen and a__ witnesses is to make known the glorious Gospel of Christ and the responsibility of a__ to repent and believe it. (Joh.5:39; Mar.16:15; Act.1:8; Luk.8:38-39; 1Co.10:31)

III. Response to the Witnesses and to God

All of us have received at least two witnesses. We are all w_____ excuse. (Rom.1:18-21)

The response of these: “when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.” These perished under God's w____. (Act.7:54; Joh.3:36)

Others sluff off the truth when they hear it, and turn back to even greater darkness than they were in before. Those that i_____ the witnesses God gives will perish under the wrath of God. (Rom.1:18-32)

Others receive the witnesses of God, repent and believe the Gospel to the s_____ of their souls. (Act.2:37-40; Joh.3:16)

What is your response to God and His witnesses to you?