

10 Notable Deaths of 2025 and What They Believed About God

The year 2025 has brought profound loss across the worlds of faith, culture and leadership. From iconic pastors and evangelists to influential cultural figures and entertainers, many notable lives were called home, each leaving behind a testimony that continues to speak. Even as the world mourns their passing, their legacy of faith and hope endures, inspiring and challenging people across generations.

Pope Francis, 88

Pope Francis, the beloved leader of the Catholic Church, passed away at 88 shortly after delivering his Easter blessing. Throughout his papacy, he urged fellow Catholics to serve the poor and pursue a lifestyle of peace.

Charlie Kirk, 31

Christian activist and commentator Charlie Kirk tragically died at 31 after being assassinated at Utah Valley University. Known for his bold voice in politics and activism, Kirk also passionately integrated faith into his work, encouraging young people to live out biblical principles in the public square. His commitment to God and to raising a generation of believers made his loss deeply felt across the Christian community.

John MacArthur, 86

Pastor, teacher, and author John MacArthur passed away at 86, leaving behind a legacy of steadfast faith and unwavering commitment to Scripture. Through decades of preaching, writing and his “Grace to You” ministry, MacArthur championed Christ-centered living and the authority of God’s Word. His teachings

continue to shape pastors, leaders and believers, challenging them to live faithfully in a world increasingly distant from biblical truth.

Voddie Baucham, 56

Voddie Baucham, influential pastor and speaker, died at 56. Renowned for his bold teaching on family, discipleship, and a biblical worldview, Baucham's ministry resonated deeply with those seeking clarity and conviction in their faith. His life reflected the courage to speak truth in love, leaving a lasting impact on the Church and countless individuals striving to follow God wholeheartedly.

Ozzy Osbourne, 76

Rock legend Ozzy Osbourne passed away at 76, leaving behind a remarkable spiritual testimony. While known worldwide for his music, Osbourne later in life openly reflected on God and Christianity, expressing a desire for spiritual peace and understanding. He also stood as a surprising but astute friend to Israel.

Jimmy Swaggart, 90

Pentecostal pioneer and televangelist Jimmy Swaggart died at 90, leaving a ministry legacy that spanned generations. Swaggart's global outreach through television and radio emphasized repentance, revival and a personal relationship with Jesus. His life was a testament to perseverance and commitment to the gospel, demonstrating the enduring impact one life can have when fully surrendered to God.

Hulk Hogan, 71

Wrestling icon Terry Gene Bollea, “Hulk Hogan,” passed away at 71, having found peace in Jesus before his death. Hogan’s later embrace of faith revealed the transformative power of God’s love, even in lives once defined by fame and entertainment. His story is a powerful reminder that salvation and hope are available to all who turn to Christ.

George Foreman, 76

Boxing legend George Foreman, widely recognized as a “man of God,” died at 76. Beyond his athletic achievements, Foreman’s faith shaped every facet of his life. His testimony reflected humility, dedication and a heart fully surrendered to God, inspiring believers to pursue excellence without compromising their devotion to Christ.

Phil Robertson, 79

“Duck Dynasty” star Phil Robertson died at 79. Robertson lived boldly for God in the public eye, unapologetically sharing his faith and encouraging others to stand firm in their beliefs. His life serves as an example of living out biblical conviction with courage, regardless of the world’s approval or critique.

Arthur Blessitt, 84

Evangelist Arthur Blessitt, known for carrying a wooden cross across the globe, passed away at 84. His ministry, both literally and symbolically, brought the message of Christ to countless nations, exemplifying a life fully surrendered to God. Blessitt’s unwavering commitment to discipleship inspired many to embrace the call to follow Jesus faithfully, wherever He leads.

Through the lives of these influential figures, we are reminded that devotion to God, boldness in our testimony and the courage to live out His calling are the true measures of a life well-lived.

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