

The Church Shall Forever Stand

RECITATION

Words & Music by Bob Wills Jr.

© 2000 BMI/Nashville Gospel/Gaither Copyright Management

Soundtracks from the album: "Live At Peach Creek" Song#13

WillsTrax Disc 1: Track 11 w/o BGV - Track 19 w/BG

Two thousand years ago by the shores of Galilee Jesus told His disciples; The gates of Hell shall not prevail against My Church. Since that day Satan has tried to destroy the Church at every opportunity. He used Saul of Tarsus to persecute the early Christians, but that didn't last.

For Saul couldn't erase from his mind the death of Stephen. For even as the multitude of stones struck Stephen's body, the glory of the Lord fell; and he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father. A short time later, on the road to Damascus, Saul of Tarsus became The Apostle Paul and the gospel was spread to the Gentile nations. **THE CHURCH STILL STANDS.**

In 16th century England Thomas Hauker proved that God's grace was sufficient to overcome Satan's persecution. The night before he was to be burned at the stake a friend asked for him to give a sign by lifting his hands if God's grace was enough to keep his mind at peace through the flames.

The next morning Mr. Hauker was tied to a stake , the wood around him set on fire. He prayed for a while, but fell silent , as his body was consumed by the flames , everyone watching supposed he was dead . But suddenly, out of the ashes Mr. Hauker raised his burning hands toward heaven and joyfully clapped them three times. The crowd broke into shouts of praise as he signified to all that Christ had given him the strength to suffer for His name. **THE CHURCH STILL STANDS.**

In America today demagogues, such as Madeline Murray O'hare and others have tried to take prayer and the Bible out of our public schools.

Still there are young people who have not compromised their faith. At Columbine High School, Cassy Burnell , while staring down the barrel of a gun, would not deny her God. **And The Church forever stand!**