

DEATH

I conducted funeral services yesterday for a man who had lived sixty-six years, five months and five days before passing from this life. This man had never obeyed the gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He launched out into eternity unprepared to meet his God in the Judgment. Oh, how sad when we think about it, and hundreds like him pass from this earth every day. The reality of death is always impressed upon our minds more vividly on occasions such as this.

About two weeks ago I visited a funeral home down the street where a man lay a corpse, who in the very prime of life had taken a gun and shot off the side of his head. This too was a very sad occasion. I was there to offer what comfort I could to his mother who had been a friend for several years. As I stood there beside her, viewing her son and listening to her tell me of her love for him, as only a mother can know, the thought plagued me, "this man is gone to meet his God unprepared."

Brother or sister, are you prepared for death? If it should be your lot to pass over the chilly waters of Jordan this hour, would all be well with your soul? Or do you have misgivings about your preparedness to meet your Maker? Death is an appointment we all must keep -- "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*" (Heb. 9:27). It is certain to come, but the time is most uncertain (James 4: 13 - 14).

Brethren, realizing how terrible it is to pass from this life unprepared, let us all make a renewed effort to keep ourselves prepared to meet God. Let us also use our every opportunity to help save others.

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