

FUNERAL OUTLINE FOR AN UNSAVED PERSON

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GODLY ADVICE

John Knox the famous Scottish preacher said of his profession: "We inter the body decently, but our primary concern is the soul. Since the departed person's salvation is determined by their faith in the salvation wrought by God through Christ, we must attend to those who mourn. After death comes the judgment, and it is therefore the minister's duty to preach about the certainty of hell for those who do not repent and put their faith in Christ."

There are three pieces of heartfelt advice I want to put before you today:

1. Accept the Inevitable Ezekiel 18:4 The soul that sins it shall die.

- a. 1John 3:4 The Bible says sin is the breaking of Gods Holy law. We break Gods law when we fail to give him the right place in our lives, when we make a god to fit ourselves, when we lie & steal, use his holy name as a cuss word and dishonor our parents. When we commit adultery and want what other people have. We know its wrong to murder and most of us will think they're innocent of that charge but Jesus said anyone who hates his brother has already murdered him in his heart. Which one of us can say he has never hated?
- b. Romans 3:23. We have all sinned so therefore must all die. Death is the wages for our sin. Romans 6:23.
- c. Hebrews 9:27 Moreover after death judgment must follow. We must all stand before God to give an account.

2. Obey The Gospel John 3:3 You must be born again.

- a. John 1:12-13 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. This born again experience is a gift from God and happens when a sinner turns from sin and trusts in Jesus alone for their salvation. This is God's promise to those who obey his gospel. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:21
- b. Mark 16:16 He that believes and is baptised shall be saved: but he that believes not, shall be damned.
- c. Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.

3. Trust in Jesus Romans 5:8 While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

- a. John 6:47 Jesus said: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. This is God's gift to all those who trust in Jesus and in him alone for there salvation.
- b. John 11:25 Jesus said: I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.
- c. 1Thess 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

If there is anyone here today who is willing to follow this heartfelt advice from the precious word of God then this is what you must do. Find a quiet time and place to come before the Lord Jesus in prayer. Admit that you are a sinner. Ask the Lord to forgive you and believe that his shed blood is sufficient payment for your sin. Don't just say your sorry but repent, turn away from sin. Tell him you need saving and ask him to save you. Read Psalm 51 if it helps. If you have truly been saved there will be a before and after, a definite moment or period of time in which your life is changed. To grow in your faith make sure you find other like minded Christians to fellowship with, and read your Bible everyday.

Amen