

Accepting Our Own Mortality

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Human nature seems to want to avoid the subject of one's own mortality. The Lord's disciples **should** be more comfortable with the thought because we must make sure and certain our eternal destiny. However, I have seen brethren neglect this important subject. But here are a few "tips" to help you see where you stand in the matter.

1. **Funeral arrangements**
2. **Gravesite purchased**
3. **Final services planned**
4. **Last will & testament**

If the above list makes you uncomfortable and you don't even want to think about it, then I would suggest you are *avoiding* the subject. It is important to ask yourself "Why?" If it is simply the dread of death itself, then that's not a big problem. But if it is a matter of dreading death because your life is not right with the Lord, then you need to take prompt action! Whether or not we think about it, **we are all going to die!**

Hebrews 9:27. For the Christian, it is a wonderful homecoming. For the sinner outside of God's safe realm (the church), it is an eternal disaster!

During this year of Covid-19 pandemic, many, many people have died. We are all suffering emotionally from the constant barrage of reminders about who died most recently from this dreaded virus, or who may have been falsely identified as such. It doesn't really matter, does it? After all, the person is still dead. The real question is "[Were they prepared to die and meet their Maker?](#)"

"I'll Deal With It When The Time Comes"

In doing personal work, I often ask the person with whom I'm talking about their thoughts about their own death. Several times I have been told, "Well, I'll just deal with that when the time comes." This is another way of saying, "I'm not going to worry about it. I'll just let it happen when it happens." This is probably **the worst thing** a person can do, and he needs to realize that God will **deal** with **you** when the time comes. Your fate is sealed, dear friend! Read **Luke 16:19-31**. The rich man was so busy enjoying his life that he didn't have time to prepare for death. He will spend eternity wishing that he had! He even wanted poor Lazarus to return to earth to warn his brothers of their impending doom!

"It's Too Late For Me!"

A few times I have actually heard of, or personally witnessed, people who wanted to obey the Gospel but who felt like they were such sinners, or that they had spent their lives selfishly and were undeserving of salvation! As a teenager I saw a man who refused to obey the Gospel, knowing that he was dying of cancer in a few months, but who believed he deserved condemnation in hell! He died in that sad condition.

The reality is that none of us **deserves** heaven. "*For the **wages** of sin is death, but the **gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (**Romans 6:23**). Our sins **earn** death for us; God's **gift** is eternal life. Accept the gift! God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save all sinners (John 3:16). Be humble enough to realize that you have sinned against God's Law, that you need Divine help to be forgiven, and that Jesus Christ is the way to get that help.

Conclusion

It is not pleasant to think about one's own mortality. The older you get, the more you are reminded of that fact. My suggestion for us, myself included, is to prepare for that day, whenever it comes. Being prepared, then enjoy the beautiful life God has given you upon this earth — one day at a time. This, too, is God's gift to you (see **Acts 14:17; Ecclesiastes 9:9**).

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