GLORY

I’ve attended a lot of funerals in my day, and conducted a bunch as well. People act differently at funerals. Some are grieved beyond control while others grieve more modestly. Still others have an attitude like “this is the way life is.”

Of course, the Bible tells us of many who have grieved over loved ones, some for a long while. In one funeral laughter was heard quite a bit during the presentation. Perhaps there is a place for that but a funeral is a solemn event.

For the non-Christian, there is the sadness of their passing because they were not prepared for judgment, and judgment will come. It is these occasions that should make us most sad.

On the other hand the Christian who lived a life faithful to their Lord, is a different matter. While I detest trying to “preach someone into heaven,” which we have seen many times, there should be an attitude of hope for the faithful child of God.

“…we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and stedfast and entering into that which is within the veil;” (Heb 6:19)

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, “for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.” (2 Tim 1:12)

While we miss our loved ones terribly here and now, it is also possible to rejoice that they have “finished the race” and “have no more pain” and the glory they will enjoy.

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