

The Oologah Informer

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PREACHING YOUR OWN FUNERAL – Part 1

(Luke 17:10)

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Brethren, whether we like it or not, the reality is that we do preach our own funeral. The following text makes it clear that there are things which God commands of us; “So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do” (Luke 17:10).

This lesson is not intended to crush our spirit, but to provoke serious thought. There is a burden I want to place on you; namely, if you died yesterday, you have preached your funeral. You are only candidly reading your sermon, and by your actions in life, this is what you have told the preacher of that occasion to say!

The audience? Your family, your brethren, your friends, those closest to you in life are there in your death.

Preacher, Tell How I Responded to the Love of God When I Learned I Was a Sinner

The Bible teaches us that the time comes in life when we all sin (Rom. 3:23). Thankfully the grace of God has provided His Son to pay the penalty of sin for those who obey Him (John 3:16; Hebrews 5:8-9). This obedience - a response of love (John 14:15) - includes hearing God’s Word (Romans 10:17), repenting of our sins (Luke 13:3), confessing His Son before others (Romans 10:10) and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). It is then we are saved and added to His church (Acts 2:47).

Tell them that...

- I loved God, kept His commandments and became His child
- I loved the praise of men more than God so I refused to obey Him (John 12:42)
- I mocked God and His Word

If you obeyed God and became His child, then the preacher can tell about your life in Christ. If you did not, you have left the preacher with very little to say or comfort others with beside their hope, for you had rejected any for yourself (Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10).

Preacher, Tell Them About My Worship

God has given us the acts of true worship:

- Prayer (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:15-16)

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Chris Nelson

PM Sermon:

Russ Earl

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Daniel – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – Ted Thrasher

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- Singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)
- Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-29)
- Giving (2 Cor. 9:6-9)
- Preaching (Acts 20:7; 1Cor. 4:17)

Tell them that I engaged in worship:

- Completely
- Selectively, participating only in those things I wished to
- As a social hour

Tell them I was a:

- Full-time worshiper
- Part-time worshiper
- Occasional worshiper

Remember, you have already demonstrated your attitude toward worship, we are just reading what you have said by your actions.

Part 2 next week