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 paid the penalty. And oh people need to be told about Him, they need to be brought the truth, they need to be shown. What a terrible thing it is to have a funeral of one who is lost, one is on the way, one who has gone to perdition. Yet that one in torment may be thinking exactly what the rich man said, oh, that Lazarus would come and would tell my brothers so that they wouldn't come here. And Lazarus can't come but you're there, and why mince words and why talk about the lovely generosity of this nice fellow and pick out some of the good things that he did in this life, because everyone has done good things in his life. And fail to utilize the opportunity to do what he probably would rather you do than anything else, to show his friends and his loved ones that they don't need to go where he's gone. ∅

Death is a certainty in the lives of the people with whom we have contact and God wants us to know what to tell them in a situation like that. But I think we should realize it's not just a certainty for other people, it's a certainty for each one of us. I never ^{thought of this} ~~cried very~~ much till comparatively recently, but I guess as you get near my age you can't help thinking of it because you hear of so many friends. I think of people with me in seminary, people I've walked the streets with, people I've talked with, people that I've sat with and made plans for the future, this one dropped dead in his sleep, this one was shoveling snow and fell over dead, this one had six weeks of misery in the hospital and died, this one was run over by an automobile, this one was in an accident, and as you get older one after another, after another, ^{you} you hear of those whom the Lord has taken to be with himself. And you think are you ready? If the Lord calls me am I ready to go? And I think when you're younger it's good to think of it too. If he calls you now, are you ready to go? This is not a thought of terror for us if we know Christ. I believe we should face it and realize that for us it is a thought of joy to go and be with the Lord. The people who suffer are the ones who are left, the ones who lose what we might give them, who lose our fellowship. But for us it should be a thought of joy to go and be with Christ who did so much for us. How much