

**General Topics :: My friend's funeral today****My friend's funeral today - posted by dolfan (), on: 2014/10/7 18:06**

A buddy of mine was killed in a car wreck Saturday afternoon. He left 3 daughters, ages 8-14. His wife committed suicide about 3 years ago. He was a guy who worked for our convenience store when I was still in that business until last year.

His funeral was today.

Sad. Tragic for those girls above all.

Or, at least that was the take away. Because the preacher, a guy who I know of around these parts but have zero confidence in him, told that chapel of 200 plus people that because my friend had knelt and said a prayer to ask Jesus into his heart as a very young man long ago, that he was saved. All you must do is believe and call on Jesus. My friend was in open sin and had been. I know because we talked. "Ain't none of y'all perfect, and he was not perfect. But, he was saved. If you want to see him again, you need to call on Jesus too."

I know that the family needs something, and no one should envy a preacher of a funeral of one taken suddenly or young. But, there was a room packed with people who nodded in agreement or did not nod but consider that "the gospel" and will one day rely on just that much of a false gospel to say a prayer and live like hell and, with self satisfaction, deny the truth.

This false teaching is what 70% (aside from the COC and a few Pentecostals) of the folks in my county believe. And that is why the place is darker than the grave in spite of a church on every corner and every country road curve. I am quite mad today. Mad because the family is misled by a trusted but false teacher. Mad because pride and self righteousness and every other form of justification by self is taken as bible preaching and because true gospel preaching is hellishly mocked.

This is the Bible belt of America, and people have wrapped it around their necks.

**Re: My friend's funeral today - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2014/10/7 23:09**

I am sorry for the loss of your friend.

I am also very acquainted with your anger. I've been to several funerals recently, two of which were for men whom I know were not saved, yet the preacher assured the people gathered there that those men were in heaven.

In one case I was terribly grieved as I looked at all the young people (who may never set foot in church again) who were old in essence that you can live like you please and even take your own life, and still make it to heaven. Is it any wonder that the world has written off the church, and God?

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: My friend's funeral today - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/8 7:25**

Hi Dofan

I so agree with you and it hurts when people speak lies to the flesh instead of truth to the spirit.

People that I have known that had no parents or lost their parents that if they seek God that God shows them an amazing insight into their relationship with him. I never understood this until my mother died. I had relied on my mother for support emotionally and physically. When I went through real strong spiritual troubles I felt alone but in this time my relationship became more personal with God as I laid these troubles on him. Now I am quick to run to God with burdens and feel His comfort during trials. As for the children and these teachings pray that God finds someone and somehow to speak the

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truth to them and unravels the lie.

I came from these kind of churches in my early years of christianity and when God showed me the truth it made me more hungry for truth and less gullable to the lies.