

Our Last Appointment

I recently attended the funeral of a friend I have known for over 20 years. When I attend funerals I find myself talking with other visitors about similar things. We discuss the kind of person our friend was, how much we will miss them, and how well they were liked. Yet, while such talk is to be expected, do we also realize the deceased has just kept the last appointment of his life?

When we think of appointments, we understand there are preparations we need to make before we arrive. If we are going to see our doctor they want to see a list of our medications or they may restrict what we eat or drink before the visit. Additionally, a time is set for us to appear at the office. However, there is another, more important appointment. God has set an appointment for each of us. The appointment is unavoidable, "...it is appointed unto me once to die, but after this is the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Unlike most other appointments we keep, our preparation for this appointment can insure a good outcome.

HIS diagnosis will be based on Jesus' death and whether or not we followed HIS instructions. Scripture fully supplies us with all we need to know. HE is the only physician who can grant life based on our faithful preparation. Keep in mind this is one exam you cannot afford to fail. Follow the instructions, be faithful, and HE will give you the Crown of Life.

For the elders,
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