GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
ISAIAH 46:8-9 / MAY 28, 2017 / AM

I. FIRST, WE SHOULD MOURN THEM.
   A. Remembering someone close to us who died causes grief--1 Thess. 4:13.
   B. Sometimes grief causes us to think of the “only ifs”.
   C. Grief and mourning, however, are necessary responses to loss.
      1. Failing to do so can actually hurt us emotionally.
      2. The Bible recognizes the need to grieve.--Ecc. 3:4.
      3. Remember this, though, in your grief God is with you--Psalms 34:18

II. SECOND, WE SHOULD REMEMBER THEM.
   A. Part of the grieving process and subsequent emotional healing is to remember the lives of those we’ve lost.
   B. Headstones we put on graves are attempts to remember something about the person buried there.
   C. Remembering can become less painful with the passing of time and can even become a blessing as we remember the good times.

III. THIRD, WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL.
   A. We should be thankful for their lives and the memories they have left behind.
   B. Paul was good and remembering people--Phil 1:3; Eph. 1:15-16 and 1 Cor. 1:4.
   C. We can also be thankful that death isn’t the end for them or us--1 Cor. 15:55-57.