

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.