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only one breathe between here and there

"brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope." 1 thess 4:13

i am now reaching that age where i have many friends and family that are going from this world into the next; too many. some i am sure know Jesus as savior. some i am sure do not. some i am doubtful they know Him as savior and now i can no longer ask them if they do? ask someone you love while it is still today. and i would remind you, we are commanded to love our neighbor as our self.

the word says, "you do not know what will happen tomorrow. for what is your life? it is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." james 4:14 when i was young, i thought schooling would last forever; that i would never grow up. the years since have rapidly vanished, even as a beginning breeze cannot prevail against tornadic winds when encountered. it must move with it in ever increasing speed. likewise, our years evaporate in the journey we all must take.

my good friend has several grown children, but that makes them no less her children still. she carried them in her body, fed them, bounds up their wounds when needed, loved them and eventually released them to their own life as we all should. released them to make

their own choices and yes, mistakes.

one of her sons suddenly, unexpectedly took his last breath yesterday. sadly, that day happened to fall only day after my friends birthday, marring it forever. i cannot say for sure whether he knew Jesus as savior or not. none of us can make that call but i do not think he did and, if not, his time to make that choice for God is now over. eternity now lies ahead of him.

laying aside whether one believes there is a heaven and a hell, it will be an eternity with or without God. the God you either chose to deny or never had time for - time to investigate whether these things be true or not. scripture says, "since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." rom 1:20 all are without excuse. we choose to believe what we choose to believe. we ignore what we choose to ignore.

it has often been said, "none of us know how much time we have," and that's true. our times are in His hands. we all think we will have time for that last minute prayer but that probably won't not be the case. the hurriedness of the situation often precludes it. the death of my friend's son was sudden and dramatic. ours may be as well.

please pray for my friend. pray for her son's now widow and children left behind. and please... please don't put off something so important for the tomorrow that may never be. God is so good and loving and

merciful. "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2 pet 3:9

"do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." luke 12:32
yes, He wants to give us the kingdom. He had you and me in mind when He created it.

oh the blessings and the goodness of God. "it is like the dew of hermon, descending upon the mountains of zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing - life forevermore." psa 133:3 just don't wait too long to receive that blessing.