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How Sorrow Becomes Joy

John 16:16-24

I. Experiencing Jesus' Departure And His Return (vv. 16-19)

- A. Jesus _____ "a little while" (v. 16)
[Jn. 7:33; 12:35; 14:19; 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 6; 1 Pet. 3:18]
- B. The Disciples _____ "a little while" (vv. 17-18)
[Jn. 14:3-5; Prov. 2:1-5]
- C. Jesus _____ what they want to ask Him (v. 19)
[Jn. 1:48; 2:24-25; 4:17-19; 5:6; 6:64]

II. Experiencing Sorrow Turning Into Joy (vv. 20-22)

- A. Your sorrow will _____ into joy (v. 20)
[Matt. 28:5-6; Jms. 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-4]
- B. Your _____ will turn into joy (v. 21)
[Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28-29]
- C. Your joy can never be _____ from you (v. 22)
[Gal. 5:22; Rom. 14:17; 1 Thes. 1:6]

III. Experiencing The Joy of Prayer After the Resurrection (vv. 23-24)

- A. We ask in Jesus' _____ (v. 23)
[Jn. 14:13; 15:16]
- B. When we ask in Jesus' name He makes our joy _____ (v. 24)
[Matt. 7:7; Jn. 15:11]

TAKE HOME

- How can you be more ***consistent*** in bringing all of your questions to God through prayer?
- How can you ***trust*** God to take your sorrow and turn it into joy?
- How should our prayers be different ***after*** the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read John 16:16-18. What is the disciples’ question? Is it encouraging to you that they are trying to make sense of what Jesus had been saying? Why or why not?

2. Read John 16:19. What encourages you about this verse? What does Jn. 1:48; 2:24-25; 4:17-19; 5:6; 6:64 teach us about Jesus’ knowledge of our thoughts and hearts? How does Psalm 139:1-4 add to this?

3. Read John 16:20. What is this verse saying? When will these things happen? Read Jms. 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-4. How can these verses help us learn how to turn our sorrow into joy?

4. Read John 16:21. How does this illustration help you understand this concept better? Can you share other experiences you have had that have helped you learn this truth?

5. Read John 16:22. How does this verse encourage you? Read Gal. 5:22; Rom. 14:17; 1 Thes. 1:6. How do these passages help reinforce this truth?

6. Read John 16:23-24. How did prayer change after the resurrection? Have you ever thought of prayer and joy going hand in hand? Why or why not?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“The true joy, the perfect joy, the joy that can never be taken away, will be the joy which Christ’s people will feel when Christ returns the second time, at the end of this world.”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*