

Palmetto Baptist Church – *October 23, 2011*
The Joy of Sorrow – *Matthew 5:4*

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Inside the text:

I. Mourning is inevitable. (*Blessed are those who mourn...*)

- A. Loved ones will die. (Ps. 116:15)
- B. People will disappoint. (Gen. 50:20)
- C. Dreams will fail. (Prov. 13:12)
- D. You will struggle with sin. (Rom. 7:14-20)
- E. Tribulation will come. (John 6:33)

Apply the text:

II. Comfort is available. (*...for they shall be comforted.*)

- A. God knows about your suffering.
 - 1. He offers you peace. (Rom. 5:1-5)
 - 2. He provides you grace. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- B. God knows about your struggle with sin.
 - 1. He wants you to repent. (2 Cor. 7:10)
 - 2. He wants you to succeed. (2 Pet. 1:3)
- C. God will provide the comfort you need.
 - 1. For those who labor to share. (Ps. 126:6)
 - 2. For those who dare to believe. (Heb. 11:6)