

John 16:16-24
From Sorrow to Joy!

INTRO: Psalm 30- *For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning...Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me; O Yahweh, be my helper.” You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, That my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!*

1) The _____ **For Complete Joy is Built Upon the Person and Work of Christ.**

(John 16:16-22)

2) **The Analogy that _____ Jesus’ (From Sorrow to Joy) Promise.**

(John 16:21-22)

3) The Pathway to _____ and _____ Joy.

(John 16:23-24)

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

How were you particularly comforted/encouraged/challenged/convicted as you listened to God's Word?
What do you want to study further because of this morning's sermon?

When was the last time you were baffled over what was happening in your life and/or in the world around you? When you had no idea what the Lord was up to? When you felt dazed and confused? Review the three main points from today's sermon. When is the last time the Lord (or the Spirit of Christ) ministered to you in your deepest distress turning your sorrow into joy? Note also Psalm 30. How is faith fueled and joy supercharged through answered prayer?

In John 14-16 the disciples are struggling to come to terms with what Jesus said concerning his forthcoming betrayal, death, and departure. What are some reasons they were so upset/afraid/confused?

Evaluate what you've read concerning "the Asbury Revival" with what Jesus has taught us concerning the New Covenant ministry of the Holy Spirit in John 14-16.

What did the preacher mean when he said, "Gloom and doom Christianity is a poor testimony to unbelievers and is terribly self-focused, and very short-sighted?"

We are to live in light of eternity and be Christ-centered (not circumstance-focused). For believers the Gospel reminds us that there's always light at the end of the tunnel!

Jesus implores His followers to trust Him (fully) and to find great comfort, joy, and peace in various promises related to heaven, the New Covenant ministry of the Holy Spirit, His resurrection, future joy, and His second coming. The same message is ours to receive: Trust Jesus (fully) and find comfort in ___.

From sorrow to joy. The cross (sorrow) preceded the empty tomb/Jesus' bodily resurrection (joy). The ascension of Christ (sorrow); preceded the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in all His blessed fullness (joy).

Review the lyrics to the hymn, "Stayed Upon Jehovah" AKA "Like a River, Glorious."

William Cowper (1774) wrote; *1 God moves in a mysterious way/His wonders to perform.
He plants his footsteps in the sea/And rides upon the storm.
2 You fearful saints, fresh courage take;/The clouds you so much dread.
Are big with mercy and shall break/In blessings on your head.
3 His purposes will ripen fast,/Unfolding ev'ry hour.
The bud may have a bitter taste,/ But sweet will be the flow'r.
4 Blind unbelief is sure to err/And scan his work in vain.
God is his own interpreter,/ And he will make it plain.*

In what respect is the Holy Spirit the disciple's greatest ally? Note John 16:8-10 and the three main sermon points from a few Sundays ago; (that outline is listed below)

What are some reasons you might not realize the Spirit's power in your life and ministry?

Practical Implications of John 16:12-13a. 1) We can have full confidence in the authority and truthfulness of the New Testament Scriptures. 2) "To Look for some word other than this word, now inscripturated for the church, is to seek some spirit other than the Holy Spirit."

Related Songs: Hymns- *Trust and Obey. Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken. How Firm a Foundation. A Mighty Fortress is our God. Like a River Glorious. Sovereign Grace Music- How Long, O Lord. Come For Us. How Long, O Lord, How Long (Psalm 13).* Getty- *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God/Gabriel's Oboe; O Church Arise. The Lord is My Salvation.* Matt Boswell- *God the Spirit.*

The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to the Apostles (and by extension to us, the Church)

The Spirit's role is to 1) **Guide the Human Authors of Scripture (the Apostles) into Complete Truth.**

(John 16:12-13a; 2 Peter 1:16-21)

The Spirit's role is to 2) **Disclose Everything Jesus' People Need to Know about the Future.**

(John 16:13b; Revelation 6-22)

The Spirit's role is to 3) **Help the Disciples Join His Cause in Glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.**

(John 16:14-15; 1 Cor. 2)

The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to the Big, Bad World. (2/5/23 sermon)

1) **The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of its Sin.**

(John 16:8-9; 15:22; Acts 2:37-41)

2) **The Holy Spirit Convicts the World Concerning True & Counterfeit Righteousness.**

(John 16:8, 10; Rom 3:25-26; 10:3f;)

3) **The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of Judgment.**

(John 16:8, 11; 12:31; Genesis 3:15; Col. 2:13-15; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 20:10-15)

2 Major Takeaways from John 15:26-16:4a sermon

1) **Christ Abundantly Aids His People, Especially Faithful Disciples who are Persecuted for Righteousness Sake.** (John 15:26-27; 14:16-18; Acts 1:3-11)

2) **Christ Forewarns His Disciples to Forearm Them For the Coming Conflict with the Hostile World.** (John 15:28-16:4a; 15:18-25; Matthew 5:11-12; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14)

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