

Matthew 5:4

The Blessing of Godly Sorrow

A time to mourn ...

I. A Promise

A. The Man of Sorrows

B. To Mourners

II. Godly Sorrow

A. A Reason for Grief

B. A Blessed State

III. Comfort

A. Solace Now

B. Joy Everlasting

... and a time to dance.

Children, Listen ...

1. What does it mean to mourn?
2. What are some things that make you sad?
3. Sin brings great sorrow, but does it to pretend it isn't there?
4. What does Jesus promise to His people who mourn over sin?
5. There are plenty of things to be sad about now ... but will it always be that way? Why is that?

Sin & Sorrow – Jesus & Joy

There is one root cause for all the sorrows of mankind: Sin. That might sound simplistic, but it is true – when paradise was lost, mankind lost the privilege of perpetual bliss. Follow the trail to all of life's griefs and it will take you to the fall. Kingdom people have been sensitized to the reality of sin and therefore live in something of a state of ongoing mourning. We can't ignore our own transgressions against God and others, the sins of others continually grieve us, the corruption of society makes us sorrowful, and the list goes on. Seeing it and dealing with it is the only way repentance and change will begin to take place. Interestingly enough while Christians are mourners, they are also filled with joy inexpressible and filled with glory. We live in a world of sin, but we do not despair because we know that God is over all. We know He has provided forgiveness for our own sins and we know that, according to His plan of redemption, that all sin will one day be vanquished. For now, it is good to have godly sorrow – one day even the good kind of sorrow will be entirely foreign to citizens of God's Kingdom. As the Preacher declares in his poetic observance of the contrasts of life under the sun there is: *a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance Ecclesiastes 3:4*. But when day dawns on the New Heaven and Earth all grief will burn off like the morning fog as we finally bask in the full radiance of the glorified Son with uninhibited jubilation!