

### **GRIEF TURNED INTO JOY**

We are currently studying the seven Truly, Truly messianic doctrines given by Jesus at the Last Supper (Jn.13:16, 20, 21, 38; 14:12; 16:20, 23).

The focus of the teaching of John, chapter sixteen is:

- The second member of the Godhead (The Son) leaving Earth for Heaven
- The third member of the Godhead (Holy Spirit) leaving Heaven for Earth

(Jn.16:7) "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Parakletos) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."

The 6<sup>th</sup> Truly, Truly messianic doctrine deals with the "Grief" of His Death and the "Joy" of His Resurrection.

(Jn.16:20) "Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy."

Jesus was using conversational ministry at the Last Supper to teach His disciples seven important doctrines. Hopefully, following this study we might learn how to teach an important doctrine this Christmas at our Christmas meal.

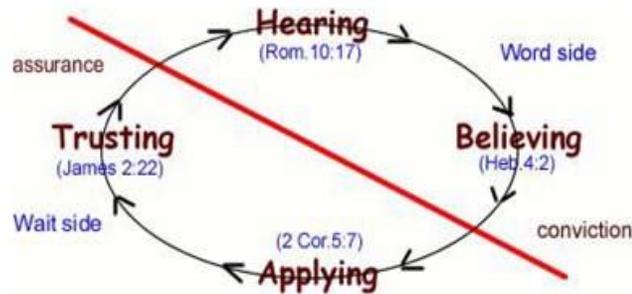
<p><b>We will study <u>three aspects</u> of Jesus teaching His disciples how to Turn Grief into Joy.</b></p>
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It's like many listening to this message today, they were not aware that they will need to apply this lesson within hours! **Did you hear me!**

#### **1. We will begin by examining Jesus' conversational ministry at the Last Supper (Jn.16:16-22).**

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| (Jn.16:16)    | Jesus     | "A Little while"   |  |
|               |           |  | • His death and resurrection   |
| (Jn.16:17)    | Jesus     | "A Little while"   |  |
|               |           |  | • His ascension to the Right Hand of The Father  |
| (Jn.16:18)    | Disciples | "We don't know what He is talking about."                                    |  |
|               |           |  | • failure to inhale and exhale (2 Tim.3:16)  |
| (Jn.16:19)    | Jesus     | "Are you deliberating?"  |  |
|               |           |  | • About in a <u>little while</u> you will not see Me - and then see Me again?  |
| (Jn.16:20)    | Jesus     | "Truly, Truly"   |  |
|               |           |  | • Your grief will be turned into joy."   |
| (Jn.16:21-22) | Jesus     | An example of travail in childbirth – travail pain is turned into birth joy! |  |
|               |           |  | • "Therefore, <u>you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.</u> " |

#### **2. Here is the doctrinal point to the believer. "you can have great joy, despite extreme grief and sorrow, by cycling the truth of God's Word by faith in whatever situation you find yourself."**



They must walk by faith not sight. **Sight** would be that He died and was buried and now His empty tomb means someone stole His body. Rather than believe He was raised from the dead on the third day as He said.

(Jn.2:22) “So, when He was raised from the dead, **His disciples remembered that He said this**; and they believed the Scriptures and the word which Jesus had spoken.” (Luke 24:6-8)

(Jn.16:22) “You will have grief now; **but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice**, and no one will take **your joy** away from you.”

### 3. Turning the pain of grief and sorrow into joy is a matter of the heart.

(Jn.14:1-4) “**Do not let your hearts be troubled**; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepared a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, **that where I am, there you may be also**. And you know the way where I am going.” (Jn.14:27-29)

(Jn.16:5-7) “But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you ask Me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, **sorrow has filled your heart**. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you; **but if I go, I will send Him to you.**”

**Jesus taught that there were two sources of turning grief into joy:**

- Truth of Word of God
- The Indwelling ministry of The Holy Spirit

(Rom.15:13) “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

(Rom.14:17) “For **the kingdom** is not eating and drinking, **but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**”

(Gal.5:22-23)

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is:**

Love  
**Joy**  
 Peace  
 Patience  
 Kindness  
 Goodness  
 Faithfulness  
 Gentleness  
 Self-control

**Against such things there is no law.”**